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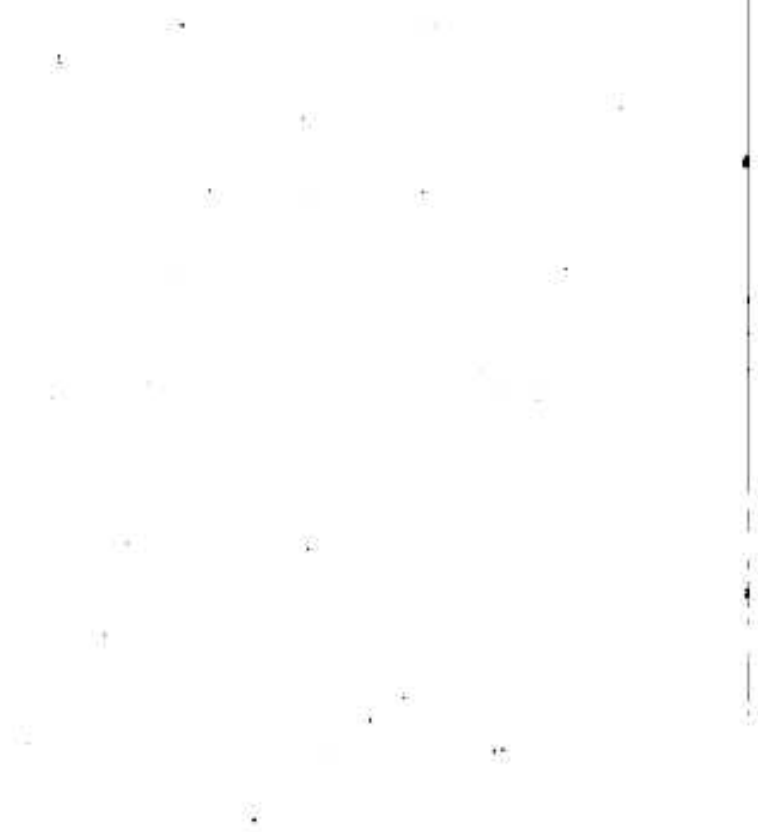
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PREFACE.

EVERY one, who is familiar with the writings of Mr. Maurice, will know, that passages have continually met him, while reading his works, which have gone at once to his heart, sent, as it were, the life-blood through his whole being, and set him forward, in a brave, rejoicing, spirit, to his duty, either to do, or to suffer, as his Heavenly Lord shall order for him. Such passages as these, which, by God's grace, have been the means of ministering, to many a thirsty or weary soul, refreshing draughts of spiritual life, drawn from the living wells of God's Love, we long to have with us in our saddest, sweetest, most earnest, most solemn, hours. We long to be

reminded by them, as few other words have reminded us, besides those of the Bible and the Prayer Book, of the actual Presence of our Lord, of His union with us, of our common brotherhood in Him. At least, I can say this for myself, and, I believe, for a multitude of others.

Most gladly, therefore, have I undertaken the charge of editing these extracts, in the hope, not only of supplying a desire of my own heart, and of the hearts of those, who already know these passages, but also of bringing them home to many others, who have known the Writer hitherto only by name, and not made acquaintance with his books.

To my dear Friend himself my most sincere thanks are given, for his kindness in granting the free use of his works for this purpose, and for the gift of the Sermon with which the series of extracts is closed, as one portion only of the many helps which he has rendered to the Mission

WORK OF NATAL, *for the benefit of which this little volume is printed.*

But, though I have discharged to the best of my power this duty of editing, it is right that I should add, that the idea of the work, and most of the labour bestowed upon it, are not mine, but belong to one, who goes to share with me a missionary's life, and who, if she can meet the inevitable trials, which in so wild a land must fall to the lot of herself and her children, has to bless God for His goodness in granting her, among many other mercies, the strength and support of the teaching of Mr. Maurice.

J. W. NATAL.

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Figure 1. Distribution of the number of nodes in a network.

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