

BEYOND THE STARS;

OR,

HUMAN LIFE IN HEAVEN.

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TO THE MEMORY OF
MY DEARLY BELOVED WIFE,

WHOSE

LOVE AND COMPANIONSHIP SWEETENED EXISTENCE
AND MADE TOIL PLEASANT,

AND

WHOSE ENTRANCE UPON THE CELESTIAL LIFE HAS
INVESTED HEAVEN WITH FRESH CHARMS,

This Little Book

IS LOVINGLY INSCRIBED.

PREFACE.

THIS little book is the child of affliction. It lays no claims whatever to learned exegesis or literary excellencies. The questions which it discusses are the questions which rose before the mind of the writer when he stood beside the lifeless body of the best friend he ever had in this world, and the one whom he loved most. Its aim is to focalize the various rays of divine truth scattered through the Word of God upon the subject of the condition of the blessed dead immediately after their departure out of this world, for the purpose of affording light and consolation to those whose hearts have been saddened and whose homes have been desolated by death.

The author is neither so presumptuous nor so sanguine as to suppose that what he has written on this important and intensely interesting topic will, in every particular, com-

mand the assent or secure the approval of his readers. He only hopes that he has said nothing contrary to the statements of the Word of God and legitimate inferences from the same.

Should the readers of these pages derive aught of the peace and comfort from their perusal which the writer has experienced in their preparation, he will feel amply rewarded.

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