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PREFACE.

The following essays by Job Scott, at one time a member of Providence (R. I.) Monthly Meeting and an eminent minister in the Religious Society of Friends, were part of numerous writings left by him in manuscript at the time of his death, which occurred in 1793.

Shortly after his decease,* all or nearly all his writings were submitted to the inspection of a meeting representing the Religious Society of Friends in New England, which action resulted in the printing of a large edition of portions of his Journal in 1797. The consideration of the rest of the Journal and of other manuscripts of the author was continued by the meeting from time to time, until Sixth month, 1801, when it was decided that "the doctrinal part of Job Scott's Journal be lodged with the Meeting's papers until way opens for its further disposition." In 1806, the subject

*See Editor's Preface to an edition of "Salvation by Christ," published by M. T. C. Gould, Philadelphia, 1829.

of printing was revived in that meeting, and sundry of the manuscripts reported and read. Some corrections were made where it seemed necessary, and complete copies taken for use in case the meeting later on should consider it desirable to publish.

The subject then seems to have claimed little attention from New England Friends until 1820, when the following minute appears: "The subject of the writings of our deceased friend, Job Scott, referred from the Second month last, entitled, 'Some brief remarks upon the nature of Salvation by Christ, showing that it is a Birth of Divine Life in Man, etc.,' were again considered, and the sentiments of several Friends expressed thereon. The general tenor of the pieces has had the manifestation of unity; and a concern has accompanied the discussion that the suspension now contemplated may not preclude it from future care, with a belief that it may hereafter be resumed with usefulness. Yet for want of satisfactory evidence that the present is a suitable time to authorize a further procedure, the subject is

referred until its revival may be approved." The meeting having retained copies, the original manuscripts were then returned to Daniel Anthony, the author's father-in-law, from whom permission was had and availed of from time to time, to make further copies by Friends desiring them.

About the year 1829, an edition of "Salvation by Christ" was printed in Philadelphia, and the Representative Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Cherry Street) assisted in circulating it. In 1831, a complete edition of the Journal and Works of Job Scott was published by John Comly, of Byberry, Pa., with the advice and assistance of the Representative Committee above mentioned. That edition was prepared and carefully corrected from the original manuscripts, and it is from it that the present issue of the essays on "Salvation by Christ" is printed. It has been thought that the re-publication of the work at this time might serve, under divine guidance, to promote the cause of Truth, and it is with that view and in that hope, that it is now put forth.

Philadelphia, Fifth Month, 1894.

A TESTIMONY
FROM THE
Monthly Meeting of Providence,
CONCERNING JOB SCOTT.

Our beloved friend, Job Scott, was born in Providence, the 18th of 10th month, 1751, new style, in that part of it now North Providence. His parents were John and Lydia Scott, who gave him such opportunities as, through his turn for literary improvement, he acquired both a competent share of common school learning, and made some progress in some other branches of literature.

In his young years it appears, that by disregarding the reproofs of instruction, manifested in his own mind, he was drawn into vanity, dissipation and folly. Repeated and great were his conflicts between his depraved propensities and the convictions of truth; but the latter humbling and melting his heart into contrition, he was graciously favoured to see the evil of his ways, and the destruction which awaited him if he did not reject the

tempter, forsake his wicked companions, and turn to the Lord, in obedience to his holy law written in his heart; until at length he so learned obedience by the things which he suffered, that he gave up to the operations of the spirit of Christ upon him, in the faith of its divine, restraining, preserving and sanctifying power, and therein experienced the consolation of his Heavenly Father's love.

Being thus humbled under the various turnings of the Lord's hand upon him, and clearly convinced of the power and efficacy of the distinguishing principle of our holy profession, viz. the light of Christ within man, as God's gift for his salvation, he requested the care, and became a member of the Monthly Meeting of Smithfield, then extending to Providence; and being of strong and ready abilities, and his mind improved and enlarged by the santifying power of Truth, he was enabled, and zealously and very usefully disposed for the promotion of the cause of righteousness in which he was engaged.

Having, in the school of Christ, measurably learned the mystery of the fall and restoration of man, and to understand the Scriptures and pertinently to apply them, he was brought under the preparing hand of the Lord for the

work of the ministry; under which dispensation his soul was deeply baptized and brought under great sympathy with seeking souls, who were travailing in birth that Christ might be formed in them, to whom he was at times and seasons enabled powerfully to administer encouragement and consolation. Thus for several years, as well as by letters and epistles, for which he was eminently gifted with instructive and edifying talents, he laboured for the promotion of the cause of truth, now become precious in his sight; and about the 23d year of his age he appeared in the ministry, at a public meeting in Providence, expressive of the desire of his soul, that "Sion might arise and shake herself from the dust of the earth, and put on her beautiful garments." The gravity in which he appeared, the sympathy which was felt, and the solemnity of that season, are refreshingly remembered by some to the present day.

At this time he taught a school in Providence, in which employ he continued for several years, and afterwards in Smithfield, much to the satisfaction of his employers, and the children and youth under his care, whose confidence and affections he very generally gained and preserved, to some of whom his