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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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IN the course of a conversation with my esteemed friend, the Rev. Dr. Brown, of Cheltenham, the idea was suggested to me, of presenting at the autumnal meeting of the Congregational Union held in that town this year, some memorial of illustrious men connected with the county of Gloucester. This was approved by the Committee, and arrangements were made for presenting to the Assembly such a memorial on Wednesday, October 14th.

On reflection, I was led to select three names as illustrative of certain forms of service in the Church of Christ, without reference to any denominational peculiarities:—first, the service of authorship; secondly, the service of suffering; and, thirdly, the service of popular preaching. The three names of Tyndale, Hooper, and Whitefield, struck me as represented respectively under the

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symbols of the Pen, the Palm, and the Pulpit : Tyndale being an author ; Hooper, a sufferer ; and Whitefield, a preacher.

The tendency of these biographical notices will be found to be practical and in harmony with the object sought to be accomplished by the meetings of the Union.

The memorial was very favourably received, and a request for its publication carried by a vote of the assembly. It is the Author's fervent prayer that his compliance with that request may be followed by God's blessing.

The book is meant to be unsectarian, as not one of the illustrious personages described belonged to the same communion as the author.

It is his intention, if there be any profits arising from the sale of the publication, to devote them to the support of British Missions.

FAIRLAWN HOUSE, HAMMERSMITH,  
December 16th, 1857.



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THE PEN.

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WILLIAM TYNDALE.

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## THE PEN.

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IN the southern corner of Gloucestershire is a cluster of three parishes, all bearing the name of Sodbury. The chief of the group is Chipping, or Market Sodbury, a quiet place on the road from Bristol to Cirencester, at the foot of a pleasant hill, hard by the fountain-head of the little Avon. King Stephen looked on it with favour, and granted it privileges akin to those of the city of Bristol. A mile and a half off, you find Old Sodbury: a further walk of two miles and three-quarters brings you to Sodbury the Little. About nine hundred acres of rich green pasture land slope up to the top of Sodbury Hill, on the edge of which may be noticed an oblong Roman camp, where memories of Queen Margaret, Edward IV., and the flight after the great Tewkesbury battle, blend with recollections of the masters of the world. Just