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 "SHORT SERMONS," "LIFE OF BISHOP CROWE,"
 ETC., ETC.

"His piety, wisdom, and talents rendered him an able counsellor in the general affairs of the Church, as well as a faithful overseer in the important Diocese over which he presided for nearly twenty-one years."
 BISHOP DE LANCEY.

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TO
THE REVEREND CHRISTIAN HANCKEL, D. D.
RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, RADCLIFFEBOROUGH,
THE OLDEST PRESBYTER
OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THE INTIMATE FRIEND OF
DEHON, BOWEN, AND GADSDEN,
WHO STILL SURVIVES TO DO THAT WORK WHICH THEY LOVED SO WELL,
THIS LITTLE MEMORIAL
IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED.

"Rest—faithful Shepherd! rest,—your task is done;

Rest—for your Parson saith:

'To Me the charge resign—

True to thy trust, thou good and faithful one!

Enter My heavenly fold,

Partake of bliss divine—

The streams to which thou erst

Wast wont thy flock to lead,

The pastures where by thee

My sheep were taught to feed,

Are all surpass'd by higher joys

For thee by love decreed—

Rest—faithful Shepherd! rest.

"Rest—wakeful Watchmen! rest,—the night is past;

Rest—for a glorious day

Bursts on thy wearied eyes!

Spent was the night in vigil, prayer, and fast,

Let Zion to the foe

Should fall a sacrifice—

Rest—where no ruthless storm

Thy watchfire can destroy;

Rest—where no ambush'd foe

God's Israel can annoy;

Securely rest in perfect peace

In Israel's Keeper's joy!

Rest—wakeful Watchmen! rest."

PREFACE.

SOUTH CAROLINA may well be proud of her Bishops—Dehon, Bowen, Gadsden! Where could purer or more devoted men be found?

Had the due order of events been observed, the biography of Bishop Bowen should have appeared before that of his successor; but circumstances, over which the author had no control, rendered this impossible.

While materials for the lives of Dehon and Gadsden were found ready to his hand, those requisite for the biography of Bishop Bowen, could only be got together after months of diligent inquiry, and patient waiting.

Many thanks are here returned to Mrs. Anna Bowen Stock (a daughter of Bishop Bowen), the Rev. C. P. Gadsden, the Rev. Paul Trapier, and the Rev. Dr. Hauckel, for the kind assistance which they have rendered.

THE LATE METHODIST BISHOP WAUGH.

" We take from an editorial in the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, a brief sketch of this eminent Christian gentleman. We have been struck with the remarks in the last paragraph.

" If a man so intimately acquainted with the working of the whole Methodist system, and one of such judgment as Bishop Waugh, who 'loved profoundly the Church of his choice,' if 'he at times even felt painful solicitude for its future fate,' what inference with regard to its fate may not others draw, who view that Church from a less favorable stand-point?

" We never heard of a Bishop in the Episcopal Church who ever felt any solicitude about its future fate, or for a moment doubted of its permanence and ultimate triumph.

" Individual members have been dissatisfied at its slow progress, and some have doubted of its usefulness and success in particular localities. But the great body of its members, if they have not seen their good ship with a cloud of sails set to catch every passing breeze, have rejoiced in the belief that she was well ballasted, staunch, and able to outride any coming tempest. And we see not how it could be otherwise with those who believe their Church is a branch of that true Church, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail, and with whose Ministry Christ has promised to be even unto the end of the world."—*Western (Gambier, O.) Episcopalian*.

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