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I Dedicate this Book

TO

MY CHILDREN,

TO THE

BELOVED MEMORY OF THOSE WHO ARE GONE BEFORE,

AND TO

"THE REMNANT THAT IS LEFT."

C. J.

PREFACE.

THE recorded triumphs of early faith are among the sweetest and most encouraging of the Church's treasures.

These memorials of three beloved children are from the pen of their mother. The latest called of these went to Jesus but a few brief months before her. Soon, very soon, she was summoned to "come up higher;" and with her glorified ones rejoices now before the throne of God and of the Lamb. Not by her own hands, therefore, are these illustrations of the grace of God, and of the all-sufficiency of Jesus, and of the power of the Spirit, given to the Church.

This publication is a loving token to her memory, by her bereaved husband and surviving children.

Words of living faith and love, noted down as they fell from the lips of the youthful heirs of glory, as they entered with Jesus the dark valley of the shadow of death,—narratives of divine goodness most signal,—they are presented to the reader watered with many a tear of mingled joy and sorrow, sanctified with many an earnest prayer for their usefulness.

One wish filled the heart of the believing mother here on earth, as she was called to yield up treasure after treasure, and fills it now, beyond all doubt, in glory, that in the records of the grace of which they were made partakers, the faith of believing parents may be increased, the love of youthful disciples strengthened, and the glory of the triune God promoted.

It is to carry out, if God so please, this wish that this little volume now appears. Long friendship with the parents of the children whose triumphs in Christ are described: nor only so, my cognisance of the yearnings of the mother for the conversion of her family to God; of her deep personal fellow-

ship with the Father and with the Son, now ripened into perfection; of her loyalty of heart and life to Jesus; and, most of all, the intercourse which it was my privilege to hold, in life and in the hour of death, with two of the three; these things enable me to commend the book, glowing indeed with the fondness of maternal love, yet never passing beyond the region of truth, breathing the strong confidence of a trustful heart that God would "pour His Spirit upon her seed, and His blessing upon her offspring;" and manifesting the divine answer to parental prayer in a manner intensely trying, yet infinitely wise and tender.

IN MEMORIAM.

IN DEO GLORIAM.

W. HUNT.