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INTRODUCTION.



WHEN the following letters were first submitted to my perusal, I conceived the idea of printing them for private circulation, simply to afford the personal friends of the writer the pleasure of reading them. They contain such a simple, natural, unrestrained expression of fervent piety, warm-hearted affection, spirituality of mind, and sound Scriptural principles, as will, I am sure, be truly gratifying to those who knew and loved him in his life, and who have mourned his early, un-

looked for removal from our midst. Further consideration, however, has induced me to publish them: first, as a more simple means of enabling his friends to possess themselves of as many copies as they desire; and, secondly, because there is contained in them such excellent counsel, adapted to school boys, candidates for Confirmation, and young men just entering the University, that I indulge the hope of reaching, through the press, some who, though strangers to the writer, may yet be brought under the influence of his words: and thus, "he being dead" may yet speak, "God testifying of his gifts."

I purposely avoid encumbering the following pages with any lengthened introductory remarks of my own, and have abandoned all intention of attempting any thing in the

shape of a memoir, for which, in so young a life, it is natural that there should be no adequate materials. I shall therefore merely state that my dear nephew, William Amherst Hayne, the only son of the late Henry Hayne, Esq., was born at Clifton, near Bristol, on the 4th October, 1847.

At the usual age he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he became a scholar. After his degree, he read for the Crosse Scholarship, which he gained, as also the Jeremie Greek Testament prize in Dec., 1872.

Having somewhat overstrained himself by close reading, he went off at the end of the term to get a little rest and refreshment by a hasty trip, of a few weeks, to Naples and

Sicily, purposing to be back in Cambridge on the first day of February this year.

It pleased God, however, to order it otherwise. Shortly after his arrival in Sicily he was seized with typhoid fever, and died in Catania on the 5th February, to the great and inexpressible grief of myself, and of a large circle of attached friends; leaving behind him, however, such unmistakable evidence of his having been born again of the Spirit, and become a new creature in Christ Jesus, as to afford a strong consolation in the midst of abounding sorrow.

The following letters will furnish additional proof of the earnest simplicity of his faith, and of the fervour of his affection to his Saviour, and will also tend to illustrate the

character of the gift by which he was most distinguished, during the few brief years of his Christian course : viz, a remarkable power of influence over the minds of his young friends, whom he was constantly endeavouring, with the happiest results, to influence for Christ.

G. T. FOX.

Durham, 1st May, 1873.



I.

EIGHT LETTERS

*Addressed to a young Friend at a Public
School, and afterwards at the University
of Cambridge.*

29TH JANUARY, 1869.

MY DEAR G—,

I have been intending to write to you ever since you failed to come over to Durham with your brothers last week, and for this reason,—when I was at ——— I acted like a coward. I intended to ask