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THE "Dying Experience" of the late Rev. Isaac Bridgman, A. M., published at the beginning of the last year, having been favourably received and read by Christians of various denominations, many of whom have expressed the spiritual benefit they have derived from its perusal, it has been considered desirable to send forth a short account of his conversion and early ministry, with a view to shew that the commencement of his Christian career was marked with the same sincere and earnest piety which characterized his latter days. A few miscellaneous papers have also been added.

To those who knew the late Mr. Bridgman, this will afford a pleasing appendix to the death-bed narrative.

It has been committed to the press without the least hope of pecuniary advantage, but rather with the full expectation of a contrary result, at the same time with the confident hope that God will bless the truth contained therein to the comfort and establishment of those humble disciples of Christ into whose hands it may providentially fall.

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LETTER
FROM THE LATE REV. J. WILCOX,

Afternoon Lecturer at St. George's Church, Southwark.

Under whose Ministry, at that Church, the conversion of the Rev. ISAAC BRIDGMAN took place ; some particulars of which we here insert.

MR. BRIDGMAN, then about 18 years of age, was taking a walk with a friend on Sunday afternoon—May 18th, 1807 (regardless of the day), when observing many persons going into the church, he was induced to follow them. The above clergyman took his text from 1st chapter of Isaiah, 18th verse : “ Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord : for though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow ; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

The sermon was accompanied with Almighty power,—it reached his heart,—he was awakened, convinced of sin, and brought to true repentance.

This letter was written by Rev. John Wilcox, on being informed by Mr. Bridgman of the interesting circumstance :—

Epsom, Oct. 3, 1809.

My dear young friend in Christ,—

THE first moments of leisure are now come, and I cheerfully devote them to hold converse with you about the most important of all concerns, those of the immortal, never dying soul. The account you are enabled to give me of God's gracious dealing with you demands my gratitude, and excites my thankfulness; that I, a poor, unworthy minister of Jesus, who do not deserve to be named in the ministry, should have been in the smallest degree instrumental in your conversion, is an additional cause of praise. It cannot but be highly gratifying to me to perceive that your views of the economy of redemption are clear and scriptural, and, I trust, I may confidently say, you have had a better teacher than man. Yes, my dear friend, the Lord appears to have done great things for you already, whereof I rejoice, and he will do yet abundantly more, even till his grace has matured you for endless glory. Nor is it a matter of small comfort to me to observe how entirely you ascribe the praise to that Being to whom alone it belongs. I am a great debtor to divine love and mercy, like yourself. *I*, like *you* and all mankind, by nature, knew not God, but was called in his time out of darkness into the marvellous light of his glorious