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INTRODUCTION.

THE writer remembers, in the days of her youth, when conversing with the interesting subject of the following "Recollections" on the trials she had passed through and the grace which had sustained her, that friend observed, "Sometimes I think if weak and trembling christians knew how marvellously I have been supported through the conflicts I have had, they would be encouraged to trust in him who is *'a hiding place from the storm; and who*

makes his strength perfect in the weakness of his people. I wish you could write a sketch, not of me, but of his dealings towards me, who is the great 'I AM.'" The writer felt her inability to undertake it at that time, but made a mental promise that, at some future period, she would attempt it. Many years have united themselves with those beyond the flood since then, and, if the promise be not soon fulfilled, the individual who made it may be soon numbered with the "clods of the valley." So uncertain is the tenure by which we hold life that, unless we redeem time by doing with our "might whatever our hand findeth to do," we may be cut off before we have finished our work.