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LIVES THAT SPEAK.

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"MARKED FOR DEATH," "MESSAGES OF CHRIST," ETC. ETC.

"A soul wrapped in its own purposes, and these Divine ones, untouched by that vanity, that fussiness which we so often notice pertaining to men—a mind happy and luminous in its own repose—such a mind must always be attractive and beautiful, and very satisfying to look at."—*The Location of the Preacher.*

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THE writing of this biography has been a labour of love with the author, and it is intended as a tribute of esteem and affection to Mr. Spurgeon.

The author was a student in the Pastors' College, and then and afterwards heard from Mr. Spurgeon's own lips many of the incidents that have since appeared in print.

For every opinion advanced in the following pages the writer is alone responsible. Some difficulty was felt in dealing with the great abundance of materials that freely flowed in. Should this publication be met with a favourable reception, the author hopes to issue a larger and more complete work.

He will be thankful if Mr. Spurgeon's many friends will supply him with incidents and facts that may enable him to present a more complete picture of the great preacher and of his work. Many things which

have been necessarily omitted here will appear in that book.

The place that Mr. Spurgeon occupies is unique and important; the splendid service that he has rendered to the whole Church of Christ by his sermons, his exposition of the Psalms, and by his magnificent philanthropy, which has overflowed to all who are in need; his marvellous tact as a teacher, and his conscientious adherence to what he believes to be right, all these are claims upon the age, and are lessons to all who will learn.

The recent controversy in which Mr. Spurgeon took part has not, we trust, weakened his hold upon the age; surely it is time for those who differed from him to recognise his magnificent unselfishness and lasting beneficence.

Nothing has been set down in these pages to accentuate any differences, and if at times the writer appears partial, he pleads as an excuse his love for Mr. Spurgeon and his admiration of his talents and life.

It may be well here to say again that Mr. Spurgeon is not responsible for any of the opinions expressed in the following pages, although his son, the Rev. Charles Spurgeon of Greenwich, and Mr. Spurgeon's

sister, Mrs. Page, have kindly read the proof-sheets of this book. To them the writer begs to tender his grateful thanks.

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That God may richly bless Mr. Spurgeon, and make many a life speak out the praise of God through him, is the prayer of many besides the author of the following pages.

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