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EXPLANATIONS AND REMARKS,
TENDING TO ILLUSTRATE THE DOCTRINE OF HOLINESS.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

THERE are various forms and modifications of Christian experience. Of those, who are the subjects of religious impressions and exercises, there are some, who through life exhibit but little faith, and make but little progress. There are others, who make such growth in grace, that they are justly regarded as leading and eminent Christians; although they obviously come short of that degree of Christian perfection, to which it is our privilege to aim even in the present life. There are others again, who are so strong in faith and in that holy love of which faith is the true parent, whose life is so coincident with what the Gospel requires and with what our Savior has personally set forth as an example to be followed, that they may truly be regarded, not merely as persons justified from their sins, but as persons sanctified or holy in heart. Of this last class was the pious subject of this Memoir. It was the knowledge of this fact, which formed the principal inducement in writing it. Her experience is so much in advance of that of ordinary Christians, that it cannot fail to be of great value to those, few though they may be, who are in a similar state of mind, or who are seeking to attain it.

It has been a matter of no small interest to me, to find individuals, living in different ages of the world, under different social systems, and in Christian denominations variant from each other in many particulars, who have illustrated in a happy manner the great outlines of the doctrine of holiness. Such instances tend to confirm the truth of the doctrine; they show the mighty power of the operations of the Holy Ghost on individual

minds, and establish with new motives the great lesson of Christian charity. If the doctrine of present sanctification is true, as I have no doubt that it is when rightly understood, those, who are the subjects of it, will always possess essentially the same inward image, though sometimes slightly modified by the circumstances under which they have lived ; and that blessed image, whenever and wherever it is found, under whatever garb of poverty or of wealth, of ignorance or of learning, of modern or of ancient civilization and Christianity, they will always recognize, and will always honor and love. U.

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