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Yours affectionately

C. Pearson

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M E M O I R
OF THE
L I F E, W R I T I N G S,
AND
CORRESPONDENCE,
OF THE
REV. EDWARD PEARSON, D. D.

LATE RECTOR OF REMPSTONE, NOTTS.,

MASTER OF SIDNEY SUSSEX COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, AND
CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE IN THAT UNIVERSITY.

By William Wells the author.

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TO THE MEMORY
OF THE
REVEREND EDWARD PEARSON, D. D.
A MAN POSSESSED OF EVERY VIRTUE
THAT COULD ADORN AND EXALT THE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER,
AND WHO,
WITH GREAT TALENTS, EMINENT PIETY,
AND GENERAL WORTH,
RAISED HIMSELF, BY HIS OWN EXERTIONS,
TO THE HIGHEST HONOURS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF WHICH
HE WAS A MEMBER,
THIS MEMOIR IS,
WITH FEELINGS OF RESPECT AND ESTEEM,
INSCRIBED.

P R E F A C E.



HAVING, by marriage with the Niece of Dr. PEARSON, and other sources, become possessed of his Manuscripts and Correspondence; I have lately availed myself of the opportunity, which a few leisure hours from my Professional engagements have afforded me, of undertaking the task of perusing and arranging them. It was the intention of his Brother to have undertaken it himself; but the shock which he sustained at his death was so great, that, although he survived him nearly twenty years,

his feelings would never allow him to engage in it.

That I have derived great pleasure from the perusal of these Papers I cannot deny, and feel myself amply compensated for the time it has occupied me.

Dr. PEARSON had, it appears, written some account of his Life at an early period of it. In alluding to this, in one of his Letters to his Brother, he states, "If ever it should fall into your hands, it may afford you some amusement; but this, and others of my Papers, will ne'er be seen by mortal eye, while I tread this earthy ball." I regret having been unsuccessful in finding this document among the Papers in my possession, as it would have been of great assistance to me upon the present occasion, and disclosed many circum-

stances which must now, of necessity, pass by unnoticed.

Amongst his various correspondence, I found some, which I think will not be looked upon as unimportant at the present day; namely, that which passed between Dr. PEARSON and the late Right Honourable SPENCER PERCEVAL, Chancellor of the Exchequer, upon founding a Ritual Professorship in the University of Cambridge. Mr. PERCEVAL's name, as the intended Founder, was, by his express desire, concealed from the University, and I believe up to the present time it has never transpired.

This circumstance alone will, I think, be a sufficient apology, if any be necessary, for the publication of this Memoir.

I cannot conclude without embracing the