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THE following Memoranda of the Rev. CHARLES SIMÉON appeared, with very little variation, in the "Obituary" of the CHRISTIAN OBSERVER for the Months of January, April, and May 1837; having been communicated at the request of the Editor, who was aware that the writer had been long favoured with the friendship and confidence of that eminent Servant of God. They are now printed, *not published*, in deference to several friends of the deceased; who have expressed a wish to possess such an authentic record of a few particulars respecting him, in a compact form, rather than in detached pieces. The writer ventures to call it an *authentic record*: for though he has retained in this little

volume the editorial form in which it first appeared—"we," "our," &c.—he is personally responsible for the accuracy of the statements; and could say, respecting some of the facts referred to, "quorum pars magna fui."

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The writer's reason for thus limiting, for the present, the circulation, is, that in complying with the wish of other friends, he would scrupulously refrain from any thing like encroachment on the province of that dear friend, the successor of Mr. SIMEON in his pastoral charge, to whom has been committed the interesting task of preparing for publication the expected Biography—a task for which he believes him to be better qualified than, perhaps, any other individual.

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That a double portion of the spirit of his venerated Predecessor may rest upon him; and that the effect of all his generous labours may be,—what Mr. Simeon pursued, as the object of his life—“to humble the sinner,” “to exalt the Saviour,” and “to promote holiness,” is the prayer of his

Affectionate friend,

M. M. PRESTON.

CHESHUNT,
May 30, 1840.

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TRULY may it be said respecting him, whose death has given occasion to the collecting of the following Memoranda, that "a great man is fallen in Israel."

Not only will the precious memory of the REV. CHARLES SIMEON be long and affectionately cherished by many who owed to him even "their own selves"; but his life will be hereafter regarded as marking an important era in the History of our Church: for it has been more, probably, through his instrumentality, than that of any other individual, that the life-giving doctrines of the Gospel, which distinguished the period of the Reformation, have been vindicated from the disuse and neglect into which they were too generally

fallen, and again made prominent in the ministrations of great numbers of the Clergy.

We begin with that part of Mr. Simeon's life which commenced with his going to the University; only premising, that he was the son of a gentleman who resided near Reading; his elder brother being the late Sir John Simeon, Bart., one of the Masters in Chancery; and his second brother, the late Edward Simeon, Esq., of St. John's, near Ryde, in the Isle of Wight. He was born on the 24th of September 1759.

Mr. Simeon's religious course commenced very soon after his admission at King's College, Cambridge; whither he went, as a King's Scholar from Eton, in the beginning of the year 1779. He was informed, shortly after his arrival, that he would be expected to attend the College Sacrament for the Term. Conscious that he had never paid any serious attention to the subject of religion, and having a general, though indistinct, notion that the receiving of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper implied a religious profession, he was startled; but, after a little deliberation,