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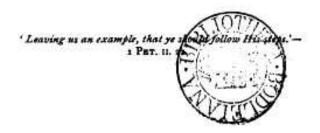
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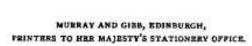
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PREFACE.

I HAVE carefully revised and rewritten this little book, which was originally published some fourteen years ago, at the time of a considerable awakening in many parts of Scotland.

It was written as a brief manual, or book of counsel to converts. It is now republished with the same object.

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It is for you who are called by the name of Christ that these pages are written, that you may be reminded of what God expects of you, and of what your new name commits you to.

It is a great thing to be a Christian. The very name is a noble one, beyond all the noble names of earth. The thing itself is inconceivably blessed and glorious. To say, 'I am a Christian,' is to say, 'I belong to God's nobility; I am of the peerage of heaven.'

Much, then, is expected of you.

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Do not disgrace the old family name. Do nothing unworthy of Him who represents you in heaven, and whom you represent on earth. He is faithful to you; be you so to Him. Let men know what a Lord and Master you serve. Be His witnesses; be His mirrors; be His living epistles. Let Him speak through you to the world; and do you speak of Him. Let your life tell your fellow-men what He is, and what He is to you. Speak well of Him to men, as He speaks well of you to God. He has honoured you by giving you His name; He has blest you by conferring on you sonship, and royalty, and an eternal heritage : see that you do justice to His love, and magnify His greatness.

Let your light shine. Do not obstruct it, or hide it, or mingle darkness with it. 'Arise, shine; for thy light

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is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee' (Isa. lx. 1).

It is the light of love that you have received; let it shine. It is the light of truth; let it shine. It is the light of holiness; let it shine. And if you ask, How am I to get the light, and to maintain it in fulness? I answer, 'CHRIST SHALL GIVE YOU LIGHT' (Eph. v. 14). There is light enough in Him who is the light of the world. 'The Lamb is the light thereof' (Rev. xxi. 23). There is no light for man but from THE LAMB. It is the cross, the cross alone, that lights up a dark soul and keeps it shining, so that we walk in light as He is in the light; for 'God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.'

Be true to Him who loved you, and washed you from your sins in His own blood. He deserves it at your