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## DEDICATION.

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TO THE CONGREGATION

ATTENDING

*The Tuesday Morning Lecture,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

LOTHBURY.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS AND BRETHREN,

**H**AVING been separated from you, for a longer time than I had expected, "in presence not in heart," I have occupied a portion of the interval in the preparation of this little work. It is designed to embody, in a permanent form, the spirit of those ministrations which it has been my privilege to exercise among you :

and I trust it may be made the instrument, through God's mercy, of recalling them to your memories, and impressing them upon your hearts, so far as they have been in accordance with the written word of God.

I have been influenced, in the selection of the subject, by the two following considerations:—first, that it seems to afford a complete and connected view of the Christian's progress through the wilderness of this world to the "city that hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God;" and, secondly, that the discourses of which this volume comprehends the substance, delivered, as you will remember, during Lent, 1845, were listened to, apparently, with peculiar interest and devotion. It was my heart's desire and prayer, that the impression thus produced



might be as permanent as it was lively; and the wish subsequently expressed by not a few among yourselves, that they might be enabled to meditate in the closet upon the truths which had been set before them in the temple, seemed to indicate a way in which that desire might, by the Divine blessing, be attained. I gladly, therefore, avail myself of the opportunity which has now been presented by the closing of the church for necessary repairs; and I trust that this simple memorial of our connection will abide when "ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more."

May Almighty God, who hath built His Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cor-

ner-stone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple, acceptable to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord!

I am, my dear Christian Friends  
and Brethren,

Your affectionate Brother  
and Servant in Christ,

THOMAS DALE.

October 13, 1845.

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