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PREFACE.

THIS little book is intended to be a friend to the young Christian. It comes as an early gleam of sunshine in the morning hours of a very happy day. It brings a hearty welcome from an old disciple to every son and daughter who has been born into the family of God. It has words of encouragement and greetings of joy for those who are wise enough, bold enough to confess Christ when the heart is yet tender, and the thoughts fresh and free. For religion came from God, who is both light and love ; and so it was not meant to be a gloomy thing. And holiness leads up-

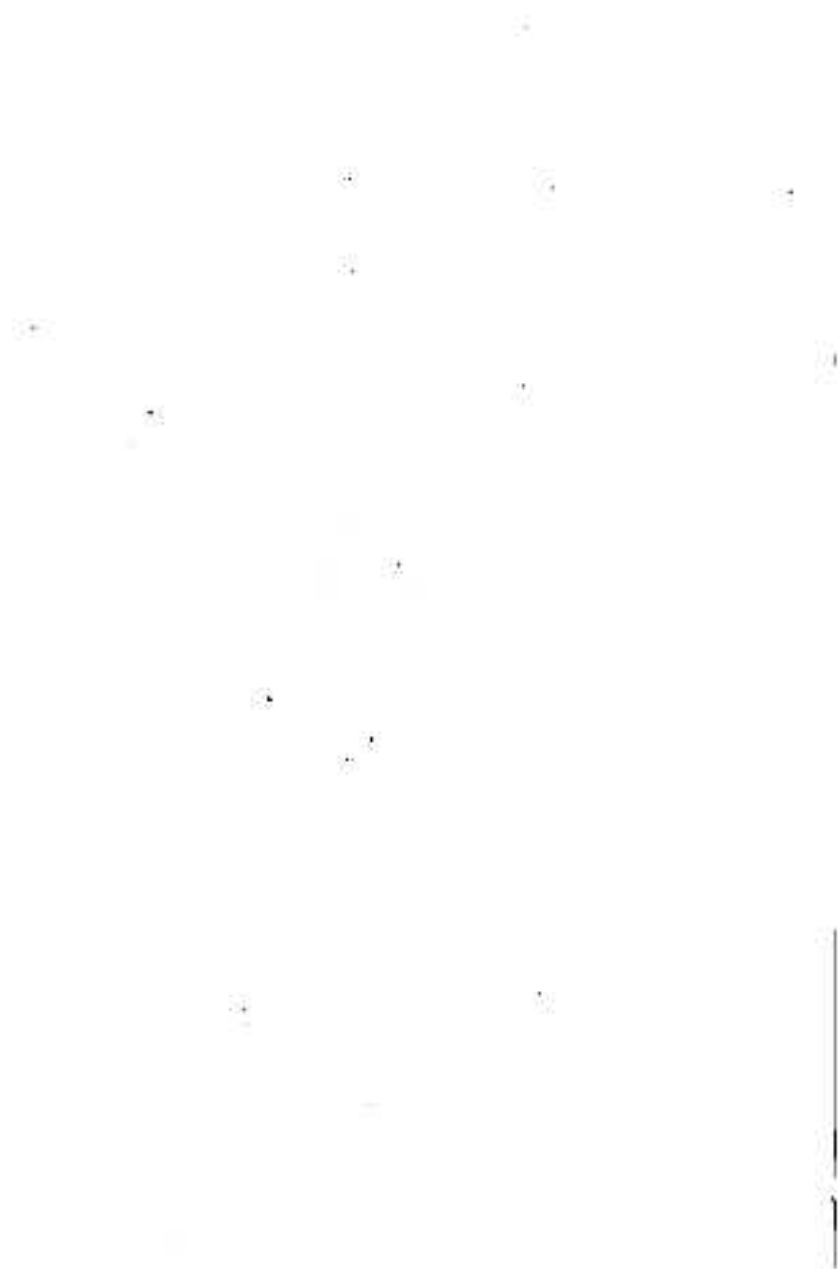
wards to heaven and glory ; and that was not meant to be a hard and painful thing. And happiness will grow better on the root of faith than on the root of sin ; and it will ripen under the beams of love, and not under the blighting influence of fear.

This little book will endeavour to become a key to open out the thoughts and unlock the hidden yearnings of young believers, who desire to have no secrets with God, no keeping back any affection of heart from Christ, no closing of conscience or will against the incoming and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It points the young soul to Christ. It draws the early thought to the Word of God. It enlists the earliest efforts of the better life in the service of the Divine Master, who claims the first ripe ears for His holy temple. It means to be helpful, and wishes to be useful, about the best things. So it will be very tender, and very truthful, that God in mercy may use it to guide young feet into the way of peace.

This little book asks very careful attention, but it most of all desires that every reader may be prayerful before the Lord for His blessing. Channels of thought will remain dry if no water of life is drawn out of the deep well which Divine love has provided for life's long pilgrimage. The eyes which have been turned down to the page must next be turned up to heaven. Take the truth so home to the heart that it makes a home in the heart for Jesus, and then study and prayer and blessing will go on together.

“My Son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.—*Prov.* xxiii. 15.







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