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P R E F A C E.

THE compiler of the following Memorials of Robert Swan Stanley and a few of his Contemporaries lays no claim whatever to literary talent; and with reference to R. S. Stanley, considers it a filial duty to excuse, if not justify, his action in relation to Methodistic reforma by giving his reasons for such action, and thus enabling the religious world to judge righteously therein. The compiler originally intended merely to collect and record a few memorials of his respected Father for the use of his family, but on examining his papers deemed them worthy of general publication; especially so, taking into consideration the fact that the Methodist Conference Book Room takes every opportunity of aspersing and defaming the character of Reformers by publishing the Lives of Jackson, Dixon, &c., so full of a malicious and calumnious spirit. With reference to introducing in this volume Mr. Stanley's contemporaries,* with whom he was intimately associated more or less, I deem no apology is necessary; they were most of them self-made under Providence, and their memory is sweet to their survivors, and deserve more than an ephemeral record, so that their example in well-doing may encourage a future

* Mrs. Love and John Bramwell, Esq., still survive.

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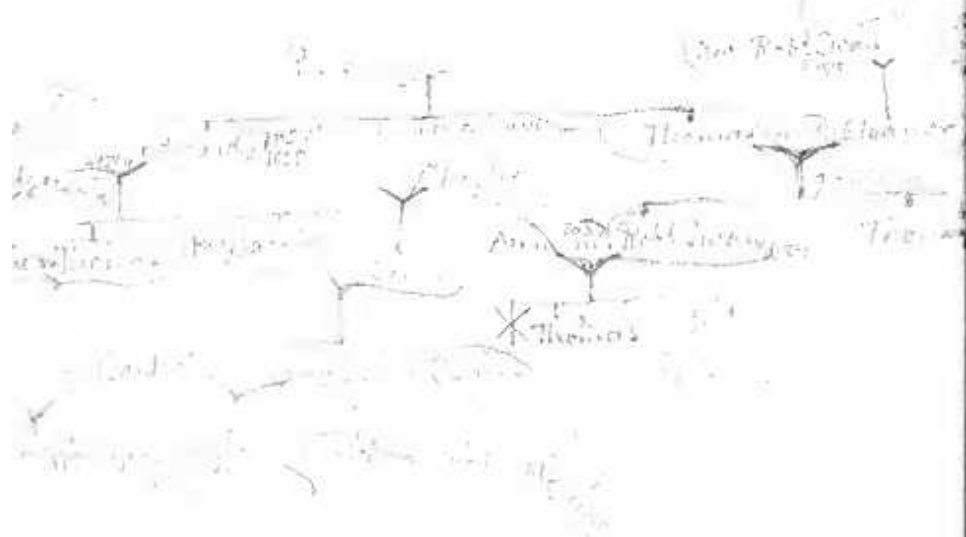
generation to follow them in good works and words, so far as they imitated their great Head, "Christ Jesus." They have each done a good work, and gone calmly and peacefully to their rest.

In the words of Charles Wesley :

"We gather up, with pious care,
 What happy Saints have left behind ;
 Their writings in our memory bear,
 Their sayings on our faithful mind ;
 Their works which traced them to the skies,
 For patterns to ourselves we take ;
 And dearly love, and highly prize
 The mantle for the wearer's sake."

Obligation to the Rev. James Everett's trustees is here publicly given, for letters of R. S. Stanley to his old friend, and to the proprietor of the *Durham Chronicle*, W. L. Robertson, Esq., for the use of articles published in that paper.

✠ THOMAS STANLEY.



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