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PREFACE.

To obtrude on the community, beyond the circle of her own acquaintance, any notice of the humble individual of this record, forms no part of the design of its publication. All her desires, and those of her friends on her behalf, are consummated. Perfected in the image of her Savior, she rests in her Father's bosom of everlasting love. It is believed, however, that among the various means instituted by divine wisdom, for the perfecting of the "good work" in the souls of the ransomed, one of peculiar interest and power, is the contemplation of holy principles, as they are developed in the spirit, conversation and life of the christian.

The fact that, amid so much commendable, characterizing the present era of the church, there exists an extensive declension in personal piety, is confessed, but not sufficiently deplored. Who of us are adequately estimating the dishonor cast upon the Cross of Christ, or the spiritual loss sustained by the soul by our conformity to this present world! How much of thought and affection, beyond the call of duty, is wasted on the things which pass away, that might be appropriated to the accumulation of our eternal treasure in heaven!

If, by the divine blessing, the pious breathings here recorded, should be the means of calling back any wanderer to our Father's house, or of endearing, to any happy inmate of that house, its high privileges and holy duties, and of strengthening the resolution not to go abroad for joy, the design of the publication will be attained.

Philadelphia, November 20th, 1837.

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HARRIET CATHARINE GREW, daughter of HENRY and CATHARINE GREW, exhibited, at an early period, tenderness of conscience which excited hope that the seed of religious instruction was watered by the gracious influences of the Spirit of God. The effect of divine truth on her heart and life was observed with grateful joy by her friends. Drawn in loving kindness, a sinner polluted and perishing, to the Cross of salvation, she confessed her Savior, in the way of his own appointment, and was "buried with him in baptism" on Sunday, January 30, 1831. She was then fifteen years of age.

To the praise of divine love be it recorded, that until she was called to enter the house of "many mansions" prepared for the chosen, she adorned her profession by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, and by some humble imitation of his own example of practical love. That her short pilgrimage was marked with deviations from the highway of holiness, in which it is the duty of the christian ever to walk, was a truth perceived and lamented more by herself than by others.

It is important to observe, that the divine life in the soul was maintained and invigorated by a sacred regard and diligent use of the means the Lord has appointed for the sanctification of his children. The word of God was more precious to her than rubies. Not only did she read it: it was studied by "comparing spiritual things with spiritual." Conscious of her dependence on the Spirit of truth, she lifted her soul to God for the fulfilment of her Savior's promise, "he shall take of mine and shall shew it unto you." Thus she was enabled to discriminate between the mind of the Spirit and the doctrines and command-