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Dedication.

TO THE MEMORY OF

THE LATE

Rev. Alexander Carson, D.D.,

OF TUBBERMORE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER,

Of whom the Rev. Spencer Murch, of England, has recently written :—

“ All Dr. Alexander Carson wrote deserves preservation. His singular worth of character; his kindly, genial disposition; his Catholic heart; his pungent pen; his reverence for God's word and truth, and his universal scholarship, *place him first amongst the sons of men.*”

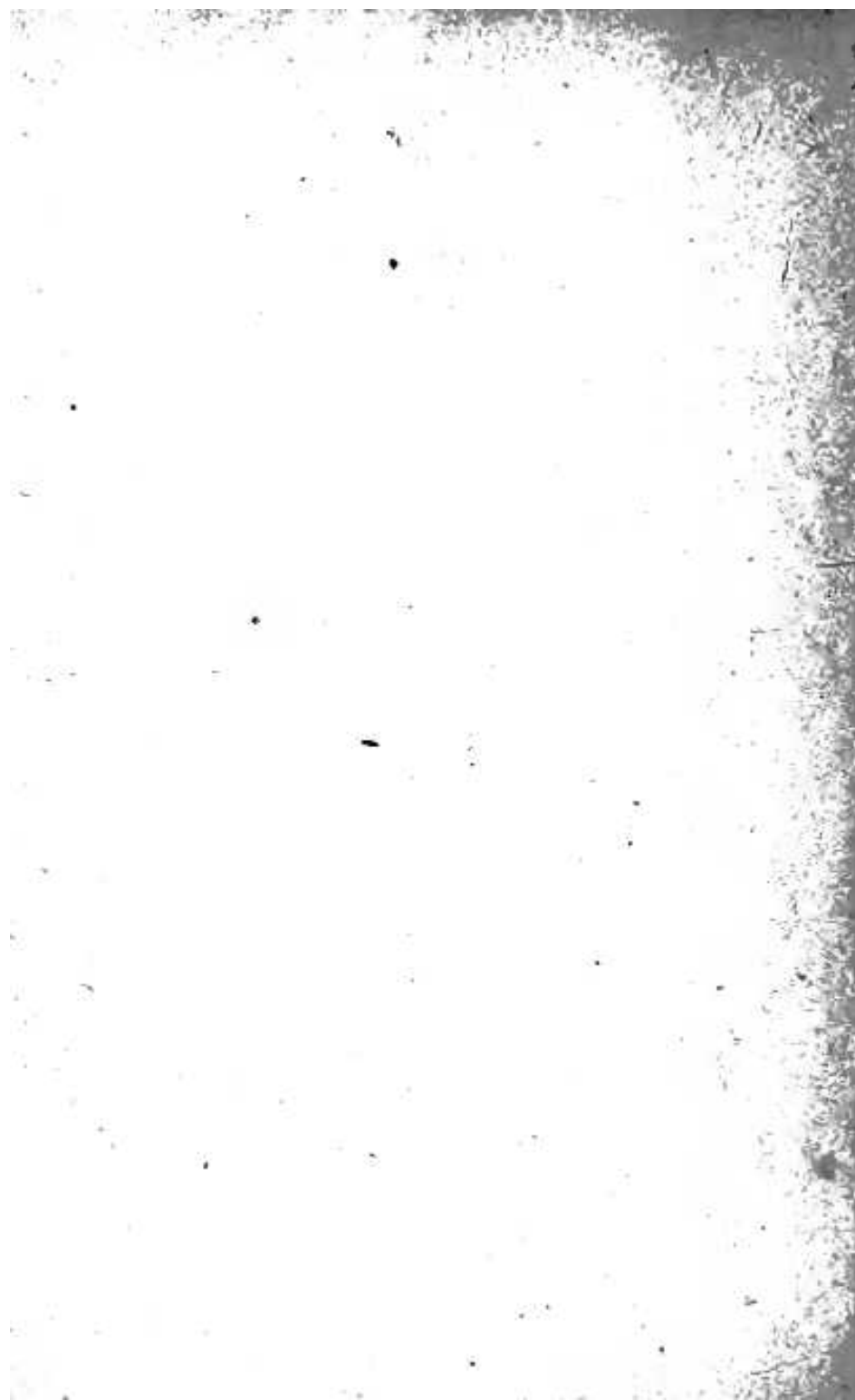
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BY HIS PUPIL AND BIOGRAPHER,

THE AUTHOR.

“ I do as is my duty
Honour the shadow of your shoe-tie.”—HODGKINS.

* See Appendix “B.”



H. S. G. TERNENT.



PREFACE.

A REASON WHY THE AUTHOR HAS WRITTEN THIS
BOOK.

THE late Rev. Dr. Wills, an eminent divine and voluminous writer, formerly of New York City, gave the world reason to expect it, by the following paragraph in his work on "Christian Ordinances," published in A.D. 1852. He says:—

"Next, among many others that we think of, is the GREAT ALEXANDER CARSON, the man that was admitted by all master-minds to be in advance of his age; he, who saw so far into the truthfulness of unrestricted communion, as to declare it a *self-evident* principle, and saw about as much authority in the Scriptures for restricted communion among the Baptist denomination, as the Papists did for the doctrine

of *Transubstantiation*; and it may be judged (for it is in print) from the way in which he handled that fallacy, that he would have strangled restricted communion, had he come out on it fully, as he would a lizard from a bog, upon which he might set his foot. Had his life been spared, he purposed giving to the world his views of that system, which he utterly denounced as without authority in the Word of God. But there are those* who possess his views upon the subject, given from his own lips; they tell us that possibly they shall some day give them forth in a printed form, and this is no more than the religious community will expect from them. Their testimony is, that had the Doctor written his own sentiments, the Baptist denomination must have stood amazed at the absurdity of the position they had all along been striving to defend.

“The master-mind of Dr. Carson, which would never suffer him to mince matters, led him to avow that restricted communion was contrary to all Scripture principle.”

* Referring to the author of this work.

It has been said that "fraud deals in generalities." But whether I am chargeable, or not, with being either too particular, or general, I entreat all my Christian readers to peruse, carefully and prayerfully, both *the first and the eighth chapters of this book*. The particulars contained therein apply to all the people of God, of all sects and denominations; but *especially and emphatically to the Close Communion Baptists*. I have taken a long time to write a short book. It has been under contemplation for thirty years. I fully concur in the sentiments expressed by an ancient Roman, who said that, "Our ancestors might be contented with the immoderate and tedious length of speeches which was in vogue in those ages. As in truth, to be able to harangue for a whole day together was, in itself, looked upon at that illiterate period as a talent worthy of the highest admiration. The immeasurable introduction, the circumstantial argument, drawn out in dull variety of logical deductions, together with a thousand other impertinences of the same tasteless stamp, were then held in supreme honour. To confess the