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### TO THE READER.

**I**T is recorded by the wise King of Israel, "The memory of the just is blessed." The man of holy life and earnest labor thus "being dead yet speaketh." How often, while perusing the biography of some well-known child of God, has the arrow of conviction pierced deep into the heart of the sinner, or the thrill of joy filled that of the believer with unspeakable comfort, while from its depths there was sent on its heavenward flight the language of gratitude and praise? Here is supplied a means by which a good example may be kept perpetually before the world; and, as it "speaks louder than precept," a valuable source of instruction is constantly furnished.

It appears to the writer of these unpretending pages, that the memory of our fathers should be kept in some substantial form, that we, our children, and our children's children, may have the benefit of their influence.

Some of our best and most readable books, especially to the young, are those of biography. They are calculated to open up to us the home life of a man, in which

we are likely to find a lesson for more than one circumstance of our own.

When a good man dies, we are generally led to look upon the event as a calamity to us, a serious loss to the neighbourhood where he has lived—to the church, and to the family. Yet, by preserving the memory of such, the loss will be considerably diminished, and “the memory of the just” will be blessed to us. We are far from supposing that, because a friend, therefore we should rush into print, and make every possible effort to canonize an unfaithful man; and we are as far from thinking it just, to ourselves, our children, or the Church, to refuse the reproduction of a life which cannot fail to be of service to us all. Nor does it seem a reason of sufficient importance because a man was not wonderfully distinguished for surpassing eloquence in the Pulpit, or at the Bar, or on the floor of the Senate, that, therefore there is nothing in his life worth retaining.

One of the most distinguishing traits in the character of a man is simple, undisguised, yet unfeigned, goodness of heart and life; and perhaps it is not going too far, or implying too much of condemnation towards our common humanity, to say that this is one of the rarest accomplishments of the present age, and therefore worthy of being preserved.

The subject of these pages was not a great man, in the popular sense of the term. He was no illustrious military general, no nation's favorite poet, no burning seraph whose overpowering eloquence moved the nations,

but an humble Christian—an every-day working and successful Methodist preacher, whose noblest memorial is the remembrance of his holy and useful life. His military ambition was that he might be a faithful "soldier of the Cross," his poetry the ringing harmonies of the Bible, and his only eloquence the well-known and oft-repeated Gospel epitome, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

To continue his life of faith and love amongst us, is the only apology offered for presenting this little book to the public, and especially to the Church in which he lived, labored, and died.

No one can be more painfully conscious of its many literary defects than the writer; but the limited space of time in which the work is to be done, and the numerous duties involved in the charge of a circuit, forbid that it should be otherwise than imperfect. That its perusal may be blessed to your spiritual profit, and that its circulation may result in glorifying God, is the earnest prayer of

Yours affectionately,

JOHN KAY.

WATERDOWN, ONT.,

April 5th, 1871.



1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. This includes the use of surveys, interviews, and focus groups to gather qualitative information, as well as the application of statistical software for quantitative analysis.

3. The third part details the process of identifying and measuring key performance indicators (KPIs). It explains how these indicators are selected based on the organization's strategic goals and how they are used to track progress and performance over time.

4. The fourth part discusses the challenges and limitations of data analysis. It highlights the potential for bias in data collection and the importance of using appropriate statistical techniques to minimize these risks. It also notes that data analysis is an ongoing process that requires continuous monitoring and adjustment.

5. The fifth part concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It stresses the need for a data-driven approach to decision-making and the importance of fostering a culture of data literacy throughout the organization.



## INTRODUCTION.

**B**IOGRAPHY, taken in its widest sense, is generally a very entertaining and instructive species of history. Most countries have produced it. Its first composers were the minstrels. The exploits of the chiefs were the subject of their song. They were most extravagant in the praise of their heroes—exalting them to demigods ; they represented them as achieving what was far beyond the reach of human ability. This was the fabulous age of biography, when nothing was too marvellous for credulity. Plutarch, who flourished in the second century, was the first to give to biography the place it now occupies among the departments of literature.

During the dark ages, in the hands of the monks, it lost its former rank, and was enlisted in the service of a gross and vile superstition. The subjects were Popish saints, whose only title to notoriety was their cunning, hypocrisy, and intrigue. But the truest, purest, most beautiful and influential biographies are those which have been given to the world by the true Church of Christ. No branch of Christian literature has been more acceptable to the

Church—been more extensively read—or exercised a more powerful influence for good. Next to the Bible, we know of no book better calculated to awaken and foster a fervent, active, generous piety, than a well written memoir of a pure and useful Christian. The life of a truly good man exhibits the beautiful foliage and rich fruit which the “seed of the kingdom” is capable of producing. Thus does it demonstrate the truth, purity and power of the Word of God. It presents to us the marble of human nature in the rude, unsightly block, and then the Divine artist in the use of Gospel instruments shaping it, till at length it assumes the fair proportions, graceful contour, and lovely features of the Divine ideal. It exhibits to us the Christian, as a babe, taking his first tottering steps in the way of life; and then, in maturer years, with head erect, robust frame and vigorous limb, climbing life’s rugged heights, battling successfully with his foes, and pressing forward, with light heart and lion courage, towards the house of many mansions—the home of his Father, God. It shows us the Christian passing through the process of purification—the gold having much alloy put into the furnace; subjected to the influence of disappointment, loss, suffering and sorrow—the fuel which the Divine spirit usually employs to refine the ransomed spirit, and fit it for the highest service of the heavenly world. We see how well the true gold of Christian faith and patience stands the fiery ordeal, and then the tried ones come forth as gold seven times purified.

Christian biography exposes to view the moral weak-