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"Travellers have been delighted to see the foot-prints" of men on a barren shore; and we love to see the way-marks of the pilgrimage while passing through this vale of tears."—Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

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THIS LITTLE VOLUME

IS INSCRIBED TO MY

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Preface.

THE substance of this little book was addressed to the Congregation worshipping in Queen's Road Chapel, Gt. Yarmouth, on the occasion of the lamented deaths of Mr. Samuel Ives. Mrs. Robert Bell, Mrs. Goodrick and the Rev. William Andrews-who within a few days of each other, died at Yarmouth, in the true faith of the Gospel, and in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Special reference of course was made to the Memory of the late William Andrews, who laboured with much success, affection, and esteem at Aylaham, Cambridge, Thetford and Colchester; and died October 1st, 1868, in the 27th year of his age. Like Brainerd and Martyn, M'Cheyne and Hewitson, John Macintosh and Hedley Vicarshis career was remarkably short, but it was gracious, useful, brilliant. He had lighted his life-lamp at the Sun of Righteousness and he became a burning luminary, doing his part to disperse the gloom of moral night. And many will be the crown of his rejoicing in the day of God. We may now say of him as Lord Brougham once said of Roger Miller—"Resting from his labours, he bequeaths his memory to the generation whom his works have blessed, and sleeps under the humble but not inglorious epitaph commemorating one in whom mankind lost a friend, and no man got rid of an enemy."

Beyond this brief mention of our friends, there are here no annals of their lives, and there is no attempted full estimation of their respective characters. The author knew that these things would appear through the Connexional medium of the Denomination of which they were members; and from abler pens than his. It would be difficult however for any one to entertain a higher regard than he does, for those useful lives which are now closed. They have finished their life work, and have entered into the joy of their Lord.

Circumstances over which no one had any control suggested the plan of this little volume and in submitting it to the Christian public the