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"Let me thy power and truth proclaim,  
To the surviving age;  
And leave a savour of thy name,  
When I shall quit the stage.

By long experience I have known  
Thy sovereign power to save;  
At thy command I venture down,  
Securely to the grave."



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TO

MY BELOVED COMPANION AND HELP-MET

FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS,

THIS LITTLE BOOK

ABOUT OUR FATHER'S HOUSE,

PROBABLY MY LAST,

IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.

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## PREFACE.

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THE following pages contain the matured reflections of my dear and honoured Father on the solemn and mysterious subjects relating to the death of believers, the separate state of their sinless souls and spirits, and their final glory. During the closing years of his long and useful life his mind was constantly dwelling upon these wondrous themes. His thoughts thereon will be not only peculiarly precious to his beloved companion of nearly fifty years, to whom they have been dedicated, and to his large and attached family, but highly valued by his spiritual children, and Christian friends, and it is hoped will be also a source of comfort and instruction to many not personally acquainted with him.

He was a Minister of the Word of Truth for fifty-four years, and in the pulpit and by the pen, he always earnestly sought the glory of God in the conversion of sinners, and in the building up of believers on their most holy faith. He loved the Old Truths, and earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints. The last of his numerous publications was in defence of the foundation doctrine of imputed righteousness, and in opposition to neologian teaching on that subject. During his illness he expressed his intention, if restored to health, of making further efforts to impress upon Christians the importance of maintaining this doctrine, for he deeply felt the value of it as affording a sure standing ground, even in the presence of death. On his dying bed he remarked, "If we had never sinned we should not be afraid to stand in the presence of God, but (and the tears filled his eyes, and his voice trembled with emotion) we are in a far better position than if we had never sinned, for we

stand complete in the righteousness of Christ." Again and again he desired that the hymn containing the following verses should be read to him:—

- "The countless multitude on high,  
Who tune their songs to Jesus' name,  
• All merit of their own deny,  
And Jesus' blood alone proclaim.

Firm on the ground of sovereign grace,  
They stand before Jehovah's Throne,  
The only song in that blest place,  
Is,—'Thou art worthy! Thou alone!'

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Without one thought that's good to plead,  
O what could shield us from despair  
But this, though we are vile indeed,  
The Lord our Righteousness is there."

But while renouncing all self-righteousness, and relying only on the atoning righteousness of Christ, the dear departed one was ever seeking to adorn the doctrine of our God and Saviour in all things. His loving, faithful,