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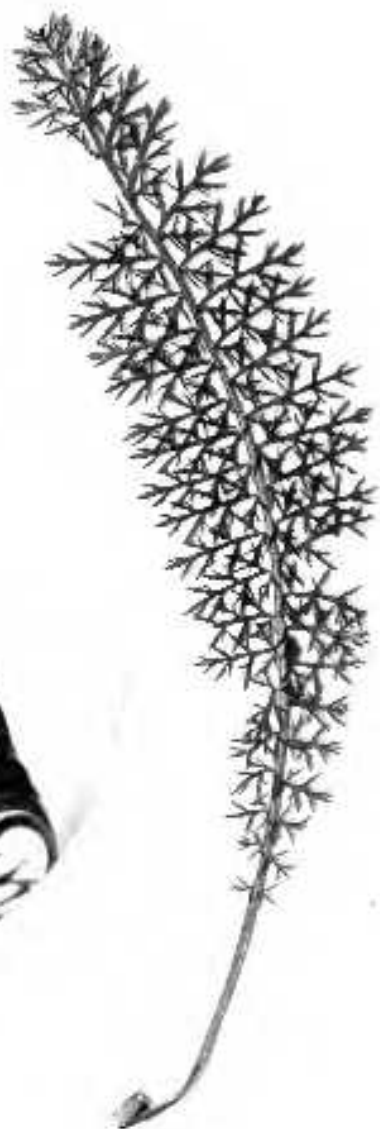
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EDITED BY HER HUSBAND, REV. G. C. WELLS.

How I long, how I long to be there,
Reclining by life's crystal stream,
All free from earth's toils and care,
Without a veil of mourning between.

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eight hundred and fifty-four, by

GEORGE C. WELLS,

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PREFACE.

THIS volume is published in accordance with the author's design.

It was a subject of much thought and conversation during the last few weeks of her life, to collect and revise her writings, published and unpublished, and give them to the public in book form.

Stricken down suddenly by the hand of death, no opportunity was afforded for them to pass under the revision of her own hand; but they are given in the best form in which they could be arranged, as a memorial to her friends, and with the hope and belief that they will promote the cause of Christ.

The reader should understand that the articles were written at different periods, and this will account for any little discrepancy that may appear, in describing the condition of the Church.

G. C. WELLS.

ALBANY, JUNE, 1869.

INTRODUCTION.

"LINGERING SOUNDS FROM A BROKEN HARP."

THE significance of this title will be felt by the many hearts, that in all parts of this land have vibrated so often to the tender or the stirring sounds that have rung out from its strings, as they were swept by the breath of the Lord.

Sometimes with sweet and pathetic cadence discoursing the song of Jesus' love; then with keen and clear perception of the terrors of the Lord, sounding out the notes of alarm, telling of righteousness and a judgment to come.

Sometimes with soft and tender accents persuading the poor wanderer to come back to his Father's house; and anon with tones of startling power, warning the sinner to flee from wrath, and fiery indignation.

Sometimes with the voice of melody stirring up the deepest emotions of love, and gratitude, and praise; then "raised on devotion's lofty wing," transporting the whole being away to "the home of the soul."

But the Harp is *broken!* and its shattered strings, as they were rudely sundered by the arrow of the Destroyer, pierced many a loving heart, and inflicted a wound that can only be healed by the balm of Gilead, and the Physician there.

Faith only can solve the mystery of this dark dispensation.

While

*" Nature mourns a cruel blow—
Faith assures it is not so ;
Nature tells a dismal story—
Faith has visions full of glory ;
Nature stops at Jordan's tide—
Faith beholds the other side ;
Oh ! let Faith victorious be,
Let it reign triumphantly."*

Widely known as was the talented and beloved author of this little volume, she needs no introduction to the Christian public, nor is it necessary to speak in detail of her peculiar talents and power ; and yet the heart of Christian friendship, a friendship born of God, and nurtured by the dews of the Spirit, in the path of loving service for Christ, prompts to a brief tribute of affectionate remembrance, as well as an ascription of praise to Him, who gave to His church this brilliant and beautiful