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## INTRODUCTION.

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In sending forth this little book to the public, the writer has been actuated by no other motive or desire than to answer the many inquiries which come to him from time to time, both from those who are, and those who are not members of the Society of Friends, as to what Quakerism is; and realizing the need of answering these inquiries with such explanations as shall appeal to the thought and culture of the day, he has been induced under an apprehension of duty to write out that which his own conviction and experience have taught him to be the truth regarding it.

Hence, he has endeavored to give expression to his thought upon this subject, in a form of language which he hopes will convince the rational understanding and judgment of his readers, from their present standpoint of culture, that they are practical and true, and capable of an adaptation to the spiritual needs of man, with a perfect confidence that the

experience of human life will confirm every position he has taken.

With the humble hope that it may remove doubts from some minds, strengthen the convictions of others, and that all who read it may come nearer to the Divine Spirit, in thought, in hope, and in true spiritual life in the present state of existence, and strengthen the assurance that as each one lives in close obedience to the "law written in the heart," there awaits us in the eternal life a glorious welcome to the Heavenly Father's mansions, he sends it forth on its mission of love and good will to men.