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**THE CONVERTED
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TO
THE VERY REVEREND HENRY LAW, M.A.,
DEAN OF GLOUCESTER,

This Memoir,

BY HIS KIND PERMISSION,

IS MOST RESPECTFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

BY

THE AUTHOR;

not only as having been published at his earnest request, but under a feeling of the deepest veneration and regard for one, who has, through grace, "adorned the doctrine of GOD our SAVIOUR," by his life and conversation; and whose publications, by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, have been so extensively useful in "winning souls to CHRIST," and "building up His people in their most holy faith."

PREFACE.

IF an apology be needed for sending forth to the world another memoir, when so many issue from the press, the author ventures to think it is found, in the fact of having been told by that eminent dignitary of our Zion, (to whom he is kindly permitted to dedicate it, and "whose praise is in all the (Evangelical) Churches,") that if it remained unpublished, he would be "*guilty before God!*" This expression, from the lips of such a devoted minister of JESUS, had great weight; and especially as uttered in the presence of his late beloved brother, The Rev. Hastings Robinson, D.D., Rector of Great Warley, Hon. Canon of Rochester, and Rural Dean, one

of the parties whose conversion to CHRIST is described in the following pages. That devoted Christian—*then* Archdeacon Law—spoke to this effect: “Never have I been so deeply interested with any memoir as this. It is not uncommon, as we know, for *parents* to be instrumental in bringing their *children* to a saving knowledge of CHRIST, but I have never heard, as in your case, of a *child* being so highly privileged as to be the means of leading every member of his family, *both parents included*, to the foot of the cross.”

The author, though with much delicacy, (since his own gracious “turning from darkness to light” is necessarily explained), makes himself known, since in a recent letter, the Dean thus wrote: “*It seems to be THE LORD’S will that the memorial should appear with your own name.*” There appears much wisdom in this, since *anonymous* publications are so lightly esteemed, and fail to enlist belief in extraordinary assertions, for which an unconcealed writer,

as in the present case, can vouch. The very reverend friend also kindly wrote, in language which is quite sufficient to ensure an attentive perusal, "I have read the narrative with exceeding interest; it is most touching in all its parts. The interest to me is enhanced by my acquaintance with all the parties. But to believers it must be valuable, as a record of the wonder-working powers of our great LORD. I hope, I pray, that it may be largely blest. May many be stimulated to efforts in behalf of relatives and others." To this the author adds his hearty *Amen*, and earnestly prays that they may have grace to speak *boldly, affectionately, constantly, humbly, prayerfully, and expectantly*, and never be ashamed to "confess the faith of CHRIST crucified, fighting manfully under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil."

He now craves indulgence from the Christian reader for the many imperfections manifest to a critic's eye, and for

being obliged, from the nature of the case, to be EGOTISTIC. If the perusal be instrumental, by the power of THE HOLY SPIRIT, of any benefit, and especially in "winning souls to CHRIST," all the praise from first to last shall be ascribed to the TRI-UNE GOD.

N. B. — The author, from delicacy, delayed the publication until every other member of the family had, through grace, "fallen asleep in JESUS."

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As the object of this publication is two-fold—the glory of the TRI-UNE GOD, and the spiritual welfare of immortal souls,—as well as to afford encouragement to the followers of JESUS, our adorable EMMANUEL, to speak with fidelity, in the spirit of love, to their unconverted relatives, it will be unnecessary to adopt the ordinary mode of presenting a lengthened biography of the individuals whose merciful conversion is here recorded by the survivor, who pledges his ministerial and Christian character for the truth of the narrative.

In their unregenerate days, before they were, by the power of THE HOLY SPIRIT,