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OF

ROBERT FURLEY DOMBRAIN, T.C.D.

Engaged Missionary.

UNDER THE LOOCHOO NAVAL COMMITTEE.

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SHORTLY after the removal of Robert Dombrain to his heavenly rest, it occurred strongly to the mind of his father, Sir James Dombrain, that a simple account of his lamented son's history, might, under God's blessing, be a useful means to encourage young men in the ways of practical godliness. Impressed with this feeling, he laid the matter before one who for some years had been his son's intimate friend and companion.

This friend quite felt that a memoir ought to be written of one whose devotedness to God he had long admired. He wished, however, that some one more suited to the task would

take it up. He knew that the Rev. Henry Dombain was well qualified to write the history of his beloved brother. But when he heard from him that other important engagements occupied his time, and when he was again requested by Robert's father and brother, and also by his beloved pastor, the Rev. M. F. Day, he felt he was called upon to seek for God's help and direction, to enable him to undertake a work for which he felt quite unqualified.

Now, after many hours of interesting labour, spent in the examination of his dear friend's numerous manuscripts, journals, and letters, the compiler commends this little volume to the public, and especially to young men, with the earnest prayer that it may, in some manner, promote the glory of God, and encourage those of his own age who may read it, to seek for grace to enable them to exhibit in their lives such youthful devotedness and love to the Lord Jesus, as they find herein portrayed.

It has been thought that frequent extracts

from Robert Dombain's voluminous manuscripts would be more profitable, if not more interesting, than any thing the compiler might draw from them, and express in his own words.

The style of the journals is simple and un-studied in the extreme, as might be expected from the fact, that they were never intended to be read by others, and were strictly private.

Should it please our gracious God to answer the many unworthy prayers which have been offered on behalf of this little book, to him be all the glory and praise..

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