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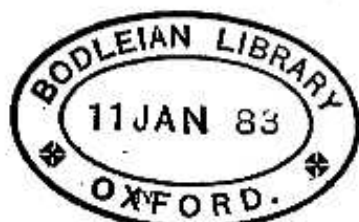
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"Many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and
none of them was cleansed saving Naaman the Syrian."

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P R E F A C E .

THE design of this little book is to present the truths of the Gospel embedded in the Old Testament story of Naaman the Syrian in such a way as, with God's blessing, to arouse and convince the careless, guide the anxious enquirer, and instruct the servant of the Lord.

In the outset we see how all success in life is unsatisfying so long as we are under the power of sin; while, on the other hand, godliness wherever found is profitable unto all things. Then our attention is directed to the means which man devises to obtain God's salvation, but only to witness the rejection of all his plans, and his huge disappointment. Next we have the counsels of common sense, and the blessedness and gratitude of the soul that bows to God's appointed means. Then lastly, as illustrations of unfaithfulness and faithfulness to the grace of God, we have the story of Gehazi, and the after history of Naaman, so

far as it can be conjectured, from the few hints that the Scripture record yields.

Thus we have, in small compass, a spiritual biography. The darkness of the sinner's state broken in upon by the light of grace and truth; the anxious soul groping after the light, but through pride and ignorance making great mistakes; then the proud heart humbled, and reasonable and willing to submit to the ordinance of God; next, the perfect salvation of the submissive soul, and the joy and gratitude which it brings; and lastly, the adorning of the doctrine of God's saving grace by a life of obedience and consecration.

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