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## PREFACE.

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THE Editors wish gratefully to acknowledge the kindness of those friends who have furnished the accounts for the present volume. These are more numerous than in most previous years, and some of them, they venture to think, will be read with much interest.

It is encouraging to observe how many of these memoirs describe a large amount of active usefulness, continued through a long course of years. Indeed, with but few exceptions, it is the testimony of the *life*, rather than of the dying bed round which the interest of the narrative gathers. Is not this as it ought to be?

Not that accounts, which, as it were, open the door of the sick room, and reveal the power of faith and hope in the near prospect of death, are but of little service;—we feel a personal interest in the last moments of the dying, as we know not how soon we may be as they are; and to see how they are supported, and how the Saviour is near to calm their

fears, encourages us to hope for the same rich blessing when our hour shall arrive;—but to dwell too much on such scenes may cause us to forget that we need the presence and help of our Lord quite as much amid the busy scenes of life as in the hour of death. And one great benefit to be derived from such details of active service and unruffled peace, and firm trust in God's pardoning love on the very brink of the grave, as are conveyed in some of the following notices, is the assurance they give that a like display of Divine grace may be sought for and expected whilst we are enjoying health and strength as well as at the close of life.

May the coming year be one in which it may be our happy experience to live a life of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; and then, having attached ourselves to Him and His service, we shall be alike prepared for this world, or for the next. And, whether in such union, receiving grace here or glory there, we shall each, with the subject of one of these memoirs, have continually to feel that it was—

Jesus, Thy mercy, rich and free,  
Which suffered me to come to Thee.



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OBITUARY.

	Age.	Time of Decase.
SAMUEL ABBOT, <i>Liskeard</i> ,	78 22	6 mo. 1865
EDWIN ADAIR, <i>Darlington</i> ,	2 25	6 mo. 1865
Son of William and Jane Adair.		
SARAH ADCOCK, <i>Bradford</i> ,	76 27	11 mo. 1864
Widow of John Adcock.		
WILLIAM ALEXANDER,	72 4	11 mo. 1864
<i>Lees, Cumberland.</i>		
RICHARD ALDERSON,	44 28	2 mo. 1865
<i>Dent, Yorkshire.</i>		
SARAH ALLEN,	75 13	4 mo. 1865
<i>Mulladry, Co. Armagh.</i> Wife of Jacob Allen.		
JANE MARY ARMYFIELD,	11 7	3 mo. 1865
<i>Tottenham.</i> Daughter of John G. and Elizabeth Armfield.		
REBECCA ASHBY, <i>Staines</i> ,	85 26	4 mo. 1865

JOHN ASHTON, 80 4 8 mo. 1865  
*Cheetham, Manchester.*

On the use of our talents, it is remarked by a modern writer,\* "The Scriptures shew us that God has a particular care for every man, a personal interest in him, and a sympathy with him; and his trials, watching for the uses of his one talent as attentively and kindly, and approving him as heartily in the right employment of it, as if He had given him ten; and what is the giving out of the talents itself but an exhibition of the fact that God has a definite purpose, charge, and work, be it this or that, for every man?" The following short sketch of John Ashton's life, taken mainly from his own pen, may serve as one among many illustrations of the truth of these remarks.

A few lines will suffice for his early life. His school education was finished at ten, when he was put apprentice to a tailor. Till he was fifteen he used to go with his parents to Church, then, brought under strong religious impressions, he commenced frequenting a Wesleyan Chapel. Soon he slackened again in his religious course. About seventeen he joined the Volunteers, and in their company frequented the public-house, and yielded to its temptations. Subsequently he en-

\* Horace Bushnell.

tered into the Militia, at Lancaster, and continued in it about two years, till it was disbanded. Whilst there he married, and again joined the Methodists. When about twenty-five, he returned to Manchester, continuing with the Wesleyans, and becoming a member of a class, from which he derived benefit. He mentions being present about this time at a Love-feast, held in Oldham Street Chapel, of which he thus speaks: "While we were together, I thought the Lord was indeed amongst us, to bless us, and that neither height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate from the love of God in Christ, which I felt in my soul."

Some time after this he removed to Tewkesbury. Of this important step he observes: "The situation proved a comfortable one, but my mind was uneasy, on account of not belonging to any body of professing Christians, having become dissatisfied with some things among the Wesleyans."

In the summer of 1810, after a few months' illness, his wife expired in a peaceful state of mind, for "she loved her Saviour." On the 31st of Tenth month, of the same year, he observes: "Arose early and prayed most fervently to the Lord that He would be pleased to direct me where I should go to worship Him, and He