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BEING A FEW NOTES FROM MILITARY SERVICE, WITH THOUGHTS,

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'THOU ART MY GOD, AND I WILL PRAISE THEE; THOU ART MY GOD, I WILL  
EXALT THEE.'—PS. CXVIII. 28.



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## P R E F A C E.

THIS book is committed in faith and prayer to Him whom all things serve. May He use it, in His infinite power and wisdom, for the good of very many. May it be a help and comfort to my fellow-pilgrims, ever pointing them to Him who is the Light of this dark world! The object of the book being solely His glory from whom I have received so many mercies, I look to Him alone for criticism. He will review it with every work of every author of every line that was ever written. I would, however, ask the Christian reader to defer judgment until the judgment-seat of Christ our Lord.

It is my especial desire that these notes of God's dealings with me as a soldier may be useful to old soldiers, whether they served as officers or in the ranks. This was almost as much my motive in writing them, as the desire to give to my fellow-Christians some testimony of God's faithfulness to His word in my behalf. I would therefore ask Christians to lend this book to any old soldiers of their acquaintance

who might be willing to read it. It will, I hope, in not a few cases give an introduction for the best book, God's word. The reading some of these pages to any sick old soldier would cheer and interest him, and might open the way for conversation concerning Him in whom alone man can have eternal life. May God often use it to this end! May He in infinite mercy grant that this book may be to me as bread cast upon the waters, which I shall find after many days! His it is to do this thing. His is the kingdom, the power, the glory. May He abundantly reward the many friends He gave me, from whom I have received kindness during my soldiering! Thus I thank them, and praise Him.

'God is love!' All His dealings with man are in love. His mercy spares those who deny and reject Him from day to day. His love provides for their daily wants, and gives them health and strength. If He sends sickness or trial, it is in love, calling to thoughtfulness and repentance. I one day visited a dying man in the General Hospital, Montreal. As I was leaving the ward, the whole hospital was startled by terrible cries. I was told that a man had just awoke from chloroform after amputation. How could I comfort him, and relieve the patients from such disturbance? I went into the sufferer's ward; every one there seemed awestruck. What could I say? Praying for a word, I walked up to his bed,

and whispered in his ear, 'God is love.' He instantly ceased his groaning, and, looking at me, said, 'I know it, sir; but I have neglected, rejected, and denied Him; I have blasphemed His name, and forgotten Him.' — 'I have no doubt you have, my friend; and so did I for many years, but "God is love."' I told him of the love which laid his sins as well as mine on Christ; of the love which suffered for them. His cries ceased. I left him in peace. There is no cure for the ills of this mortal life but the love of God. Rest in that, O reader! Rest in the full atonement made for your sins by Jesus, the Son of God. Rest in Christ the living Saviour.

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