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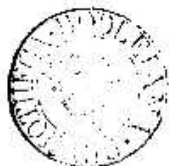
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TO

My Mother,

WHO IN CHILDHOOD LED ME TO THE CROSS,
IN YOUTH SHIELDED ME FROM TEMPTATION BY HER PRAYERS,
AND IN MANHOOD
CHERISHED MY WAY WITH HER LOVING SYMPATHY AND FAITHFUL COUNSEL,

I DEDICATE THIS BOOK

AS THE AFFECTIONATE EXPRESSION OF A GRATITUDE
THAT CAN NEVER REPAY HER SOLICITUDE AND CARE,
AND WITH THE FERVENT HOPE
THAT THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE HEAVENLY LAND,
OF WHICH ITS PAGES SPEAK,
MAY BE THROWN AROUND HER DECLINING DAYS
AS A FOREGLAM OF THE GLORY
WHICH FLOWS FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE KING,
AND AN ANTICIPATION OF THE MEETING WITH LOVED ONES
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE.

PREFACE.

WITHOUT attempting to fathom mysteries which the wit and wisdom of a thousand generations would fail to solve, but which are all made clear the moment a babe in grace enters into rest, the author desires to set before the minds of his readers some simple and Scriptural thoughts about the heavenly state. The origin of this book is as follows:—Some months ago the writer laid before his congregation in a few discourses, the principal subjects embodied in these pages. He thought that thrown into a short treatise they might be welcome to those who heard them in another form, and also to some others who may be disturbed with perplexing thoughts concerning the inheritance on high.

The work is neither critical nor exhaustive. It is rather of a devotional character, fitted for the practical, earnest, Christian, whose time for thought is

brief, and whose hours of care are many, than for the student who possesses ample opportunities for digging into the bowels of truth, and diving into the sea of knowledge.

The state of the redeemed after death, is certainly a subject which has peculiar charms for those who here below belong to the ranks of the suffering children of God. And, if in reading the following lines, any weary one shall be comforted in his affliction; any toiler strengthened for his labour; any warrior for Christ sustained in his conflict with temptation; any bed-ridden believer enabled to break his thoughts away from his present pain; or any dying Christian cheered in the prospect of passing through "the valley of the shadow of death," to the other side where "life and immortality" reign, the author will be compensated for his labour.

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