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## P R E F A C E.

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“ We all do fade as a leaf.” How calculated is the record yearly presented by the “ Annual Monitor ” to remind its readers of these familiar but true words of Scripture ! With equal clearness do our pages again this year testify that by living faith in Jesus Christ His disciples do find in Him a way of escape from that which is expressed in the continuing words of the prophet—“ And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” For the children of God, who are reconciled to Him by the death of His Son, know that as they hold fast their confidence in Him, the promise continues sure—“ He that endureth to the end shall be saved.” How do all in whose hearts this blessed assurance of faith dwells, rejoice to acknow-

ledge, with the servant of God in ancient days, that it is the Lord in whom they trust and for whom they have patiently waited, who has thus set their feet upon a rock and established their goings; and, when so favoured by Him, to say that "*He* hath put a new song into their mouths, even praises unto our God." The memorial of many a departed one bears witness to the unfailing faithfulness of God to His children. May we who remain here a little longer take fresh courage to lean upon the assurance that "He who hath brought us hitherto, will guide us all the journey through."

It is instructive to notice in several of the memoirs presented this year a feature which has often been conspicuous before—that religious experience has commenced in early life with convictions for sin, and with the attracting power of the love of God manifested in the secret of the soul; and, as the heart has been given up to these holy influences, they have become more powerful and soul-absorbing, until a longing desire has lived within it to be made in all things conformable to the will of God. Thus the work

of religion has been found to be the work of the Holy Spirit in the soul, and the children of God have felt themselves constrained to be spiritually minded. When George Fox and his associates sought to turn the professors of their day to obedience to the light of Christ in their own hearts, it was but that they endeavoured to encourage them to mind the gracious visitations of God's Holy Spirit, by which, as they yielded their hearts to them, they would be led forward in the paths of true sanctification.

Is the present a day of much intellectual religion, but of failing spiritually-mindedness? If in any degree it be so, is there not a need for those who would be faithful servants to the Lord that bought them, to seek after a more full dedication of heart and life to Him, whose words of deep instruction addressed to His disciples long ago are as true for us to-day—“*As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me?*”

It has been often said that truth is many-sided. In the estimate which we form of others, it is well that we should bear this in



mind ; otherwise we may misjudge those who, looking at God's eternal truth as it is in Jesus from a point of view differing somewhat from our own, may seem to us to be treading in lines which never could meet in the central point towards which we are aiming. If Christ be their guiding Star as well as ours, though we approach Him from opposite sides, is it not true that the nearer each of us comes to Him, the nearer we must come one to another ? And may we not believe that, as it respects ourselves and some of those from whom we have seemed most widely to differ, the promise shall yet be fulfilled—"They shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion ?"

W. R.

## LIST OF MEMOIRS.

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Rachel Awmack.  
William Ball.  
Charles Fox.  
Priscilla Green.  
Eliza Hack.  
Catherine Hunt.  
William Irwin.  
Hannah Jennings.  
John Kitching.  
Adelaide Leslie.

Hannah Marsh.  
William Pollard.  
Richard Richards.  
Deborah Ridgway.  
Isabella Ridgway.  
Richard H. Southall.  
Elizabeth E. Tregelles.  
Thomas E. Webb.  
Thomas Whitwell.  
Deborah Wright.

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	Age.	Time of Decease.		
EDWARD ALFRED ABBATT, <i>West Bromwich.</i>	31	24.	5 mo.	1878
ROSANNAH SARAH ABBOTT, <i>Malton.</i>	1	16	7 mo.	1878
Daughter of John and Phoebe S. Abbott.				
CATHERINE ALEXANDER,	72	8	6 mo.	1878
<i>Stoke Newington.</i> Wife of George William Alexander.				
JESSIE MACPHERSON ALLAN, <i>Broughty Ferry,</i>	2	25	7 mo.	1878
<i>near Dundee.</i> Daughter of Robert and Julia Allan.				
EPHRAIM ALLEN,	82	16	4 mo.	1878
<i>Richhill.</i> An Elder.				