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PREFACE.

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It is with regret that I issue another volume of the Annual Monitor but scantily furnished with the material which forms the most valuable part of its contents. I am glad, however, that among the memorials with which I have been furnished there are not only those telling of lives that were throughout their whole course surrounded and moulded by Christian influences, but others also which speak of a very marked change experienced in that passing from death into life which must result from every true conversion to God. The transformation of the swearing and licentious drunkard into the humble, loving and devoted disciple of Jesus of Nazareth is a change so striking that cynical unbelief may scoff at it in vain, whilst there is joy over it in the presence of the angels of God, and praise and thanksgiving in the hearts and on the lips of all who know that it is by the grace of God in the Lord Jesus Christ that the sinner has been turned into a saint. Not so striking perhaps, and yet quite as real, is the evidence afforded by a life which, never having sunk into the deeper depths of sin, is ever yearning after higher and holier attainment. A special danger besets those who from their earliest years have lived in a form of godliness and a profession of religion ;the danger of growing into a state of satisfied ease because the surroundings and associations of life have always been religiously respectable. Consisting, as does the Society of Friends, in very large measure of those whose membership in it, resting on the accident of birth and parentage only, has never demanded of them a definite choice and acknowledgment of the Christian faith, its members may be especially liable to fall into this flesh-pleasing snare of having a name to live, whilst spiritually dead. How full of the deepest significance to a Church so constituted are the sayings of Jesus : "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God;" " Except ye be converted and become as little children, ve shall not enter into the kingdom of God."

It is encouraging to those who share in the preparation of the Annual Monitor from year to year, to receive not a few acknowledgments of the help derived from the perusal of its pages. May it once more this year be made a means of comfort and cheer to the sometimes downcast pilgrim heavenward, and of stirring up some to greater earnestness and diligence in a life of devotedness to the Lord.

W. ROBINSON.

West Bank, Scarberough, Twelfth Month, 1887.

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Age. Time of Decease,

Ann Warner Abbatt, 79 24 3 mo. 1887

Burgess Hill, Sussex. Widow of Richard

Abbatt.

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The warm heart and social qualities of R. B. Alexander endeared her to a large circle of friends.