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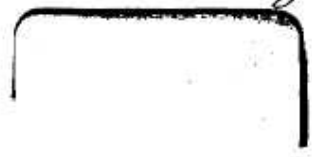
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PREFACE.

THIS little narrative is presented to the public with the single desire to magnify the grace of God. It is to show his mighty power in raising a soul dead in sin, and past all human hope of resurrection, to spiritual life. It is given, with few and trifling exceptions, as it fell from the lips of the "Transformed," and is condensed from a mass of strikingly interesting incidents which might have made a far more imposing volume. The design, however, has been to make a book sufficiently small and inexpensive to be freely circulated, that it may go out as a message of encouragement to those who have no hope for themselves by reason of sin, and to Christians whose faith is often too weak to take hold of men and women so utterly cast down and bound by Satan.

My own part of the work, though small, has been a sincere pleasure. As I have put the story into shape for the press, I have been led to admire the grace of God as manifested to this untaught and wicked man, and to recall the words of Jesus,

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." I have been taught, while preparing this simple biography, and during a three years' acquaintance with its subject, deep and sweet lessons of faith in work with the outcast and fallen, both men and women. No erring fellow-creature has sunk so low in grovelling vice, but that now I believe, however my faith was formerly staggered, that Jesus is "able to save to the uttermost." And this is a lesson of priceless value to the Christian worker. Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; and it may be said of the gospel-hardened, outwardly respectable sinners in these days, as our Lord said of the chief priests and Pharisees of his own time, "The publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

It is my earnest prayer that the mission of this little volume may be one of gospel love and power, winning many a wretched, hopeless wanderer to the knowledge of the blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, "whose blood can make the foulest clean," and who alone is able to call a soul "out of darkness into his marvellous light."

MRS. HELEN E. BROWN.

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