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PREFACE.

AMPLE materials have again been supplied, by the kind contribution of Friends, for this little ANNUAL.

It is interesting and encouraging, from year to year, to have brought before us, in the brief memorials which accompany the Obituary, so many evidences of the work of the Spirit in the heart of the young convert, and in the larger experience of the more advanced Christian. Both afford instructive examples of that faith in Christ which "overcomes the world;" they exhibit the power of that "Godliness which is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come." Coupled with the records of the Primitive Church, such instances of Christian piety and devotedness are well calculated to recall the animating language of the Apostle: "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Led believingly to "consider Him," who so "endured," his humble followers will not "be wearied or

faint in their minds," but, amidst all the duties and trials of life, they will be cheered by the assurance that "the God of hope" is able to "fill them with all joy and peace in believing, that they may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

The memorial of our late dear friend, Samuel Tuke, whose decease took place subsequently to the close of our year, will be dwelt upon with deep interest by the readers of the ANNUAL MONITOR. They will remember the part he took in remodelling this little periodical, and how much they owe to him for the instructive tone of the work, in the first ten numbers of the "New Series." Deeming it desirable that some record should be preserved of the "steps in life of Friends well known and esteemed in the Society," he felt at the same time, to use his own words, "more than willing to give the right place to the character of those steady pilgrims who have walked in their Lord's steps, though they may have been but *little known*, and have had but few talents." Far from wishing to limit "the freedom of divine mercy at the latest moment of life," he felt a godly jealousy, in connection with these records, "lest our estimate of Christian attainments should be at all lowered by anything which has a tendency to make the getting to Heaven *too much* a death-bed affair." Those who are anxious that the ANNUAL MONITOR should exercise no other than a healthy influence in the Society, will fully appreciate the practical bearing and value of these sentiments, and unite in the desire that they may be steadily kept in view.

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OBITUARY.

JOHN ADAMSON, *Bradford,* Age. Time of Decese.
Yorkshire. A Minister. 73 12 8mo. 1857

"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright:
and their inheritance shall be for ever. They
shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the
days of famine they shall be satisfied."

These words of the Psalmist were instructively
exemplified in the life and experience of this dear
friend. From early youth to advancing years
uprightness and integrity marked his Christian
character. Favoured to experience a growth
in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, he was enabled, during the
latter years of his life, to bear a clear testimony to
the Truth as it is in Jesus, and about a year

before his death, he was recorded as a minister of the Gospel, by the Monthly Meeting to which he belonged. When the outward man became weaker and weaker, it was evident to those who knew him best, that "the inward man was renewed day by day;" and in the end the truths which he had preached to others were the comfort and rejoicing of his own soul. Allusion being made, the day before his decease, to Christ, as himself the foundation of the believer's hope, he freely responded, "It is a sure foundation—there is no misgiving now—once laid hold of in faith, it seems to grow stronger and stronger—all is love, love, love!"

"Behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace!"

FRANCIS HARVEY ABBOTT, 59 21 12mo. 1856
Glanmire, Cork.

LETITIA ALBRIGHT, 64 4 5mo. 1857
Charlbury. Widow of Nicholas Albright.

For many years this dear friend was engaged in the care and education of youth, and not a few whose eye may glance over the pages of the "Annual Monitor," will read with interest the name of one whom they remember with affection, as a teacher of their childhood and the friend of riper years.

She was the daughter of William and Sarah Impey, of London, and, from a child, was distinguished for great energy of character. When about fifteen years of age she commenced her course as a teacher, in which employment she was engaged, with little intermission, until her marriage with Nicholas Albright, in 1845. After this event she entered with lively interest into various plans for the benefit of the poor, in the neighbourhood in which she resided, and cheerfully devoted her leisure, ability, and resources to the relief of their necessities.

On her first going to Charlbury, her health, which had long been in a precarious state, appeared a little more established; but the improvement was of short duration, and for several years she was a frequent sufferer from severe pain. It was not, however, till the summer of 1856, that it became fully apparent that disease was making certain inroads on an already enfeebled constitution. In the eighth month of that year she was deprived, by death, of her beloved husband, and from that time her own indisposition continued to increase.

“Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching:” and, in the case of this dear friend, it was instructive to those

about her, to observe how diligently, even with regard to outward things, she endeavoured to attend to the injunction given to the monarch of Judah, "Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live!" Her sufferings, during a season of protracted illness, were sometimes very great; but they were borne with much patience and Christian resignation. She made many instructive remarks, and frequently observed that she had no merits of her own to trust to—that all her hopes of salvation were placed on Him, who "gave his life a ransom for all." She gratefully alluded, also, to the kindness of her friends, and to the favour of having every outward alleviation that their watchful attention could supply.

Her last words were those of prayer; and the comforting evidence was afforded that she was permitted to feel that He in whom she trusted, was near to sustain her in the dying hour, fulfilling His gracious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

MARTHA ANN ALEXANDER, 20 30 10mo. 1856
Cirencester. Daughter of Henry and Catherine Alexander.

RACHEL ALLASON, 57 24 10mo. 1856
Overend House, Cockermouth.

Although the last illness of this dear friend was