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PREFACE.

HE publication of this little work has been too long delayed, for which I cannot assign any satisfactory reason.

I admit the force of a surmise expressed by some who take an interest in the subject: that the delay is likely to operate against its circulation, and of course involve pecuniary risk. I have an impression, however, that it possesses a value beyond that of gratifying the wish of many who knew and prized the man. A very remarkable conversion, and an eminently useful life, ought to attract notice; but in addition to a record of these, there is a selection of letters, which could only have emanated from a Christian of wide and deep experience, and privileged with close communion with God. The transcribing them has been instrumental of great spiritual profit to myself.

I must express my indebtedness to my valued friend Rev. J. D. Powell, who com-

mitted to me a considerable quantity of material. Had it occurred to me that his mind was so much occupied with the subject, I would have handed over to him what was in my possession, with a conviction that the task undertaken would be more efficiently, I will not say more lovingly accomplished.

To the Rev. G. R. Wedgwood I forwarded some reminiscences of Mr. Feckman, of which he made some use in those interesting papers, which appeared some time ago in the *Irish Christian Advocate*, entitled "History of Methodism on the Bandon Circuit." In return I have availed myself of his labours.

Mr. Alexander Elliott, of Ballinasloe, may see how largely I have used the graphic and seasonable paper which he kindly forwarded in response to my request.

G. V.

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