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TESTIMONIALS.

THE late Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, President of the American Bible Society, and Chancellor of the University of New York, in a letter to the author of "*The Inner Life, or the Joys of my Father's House,*" says:—

"I duly received the manuscript of your work on the Inner Life, and have given it as much attention as other pressing duties allowed me. And having found it pure and Scriptural in its moral and religious contents, I cheerfully recommend it as a work calculated, through the blessing of God, to do much good. The selections of Scripture, in my judgment, are judiciously made; and the appropriate application of them in your work, with its excellent spirit, cannot be otherwise than useful. Your volume will be a valuable help to all who seek the wisdom of which the Bible is the sure revelation.

—THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN.

"NEW BRUNSWICK, Dec. 5, 1860."

Mr. Frelinghuysen was one of the most deeply pious members of the Presbyterian Church in America. No man was more highly esteemed by the religious world in general. His memory will ever be cherished by all evangelical Christians.

The Rev. Bishop M. Simpson, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says:—

"I have perused with some care the proof sheets of '*The Inner Life; or, the Joys of my Father's House,*' and cordially

commend it to the religious public. I am much pleased with its pure, evangelical sentiment, its copious illustrations, and its easy style. It is calculated to aid the thoughtful reader in his efforts to attain a higher life; and I have no doubt its general circulation will do much good.

“M. SIMPSON.”

“PHILADELPHIA, July 25, 1864.”

The Rev. P. S. Henson, Pastor of the Broad Street Baptist Church, says:—

“I have read with no little interest and profit the proof-sheets of ‘The Inner Life, or the Joys of my Father’s House.’ It is eminently evangelical in its tone, and catholic in its spirit. Its materials seem to be drawn from the treasury of a ripe and varied Christian experience. Believing as I do that a perusal of the book will be calculated to quicken the pulses of that Inner life of which it treats, I sincerely hope it may find its way to many homes and hearts.

“P. S. HENSON.”

“PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1, 1864.”

The Rev. Charles P. Krauth, D.D., Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Philadelphia, and Editor of “The Lutheran and Missionary,” says:—

“The ‘Inner Life’ strikes us as the work of a thoughtful Christian, thoroughly read in the Bible and largely familiar with the best practical and devotional literature. It is evangelical to the core, earnest in its spirit, and well adapted to promote the growth of the Christian life. It presents the heart of religion as distinct from the technicalities of abstract theology, and will profit and interest every reader. It is specially rich in the treasures of Christian experience and of sacred song.

“CHARLES P. KRAUTH.”

“PHILADELPHIA, May 11, 1865.”

The Rev. Kingston Goddard, D. D., Pastor of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, speaking of "The Inner Life, or the Joys of my Father's House," says:—

"The value of such works of practical experience as the 'Inner Life' is that they present to the Christian the inward influences of 'the Truth' in the heart. Mere acquaintance with Bible truth may be acquired and yet none of its power felt. To possess it is only like standing in the broad and bright sunshine of mid-day. But when that Truth is presented as it is in this earnest and loving work, it is as if we walked amidst all the rich scenery of earth beside its streams and rivers, that the sun had warmed into existence and decked with brilliancy and beauty. Most earnestly do we recommend this book to the perusal of the devout Christian; and heartily we hail it as a valuable addition to our sacred literature.

"KINGSTON GODDARD,

"St. Paul's Ch. (P. E. C.)

"Philadelphia"

Another eminent minister of Christ, the Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Pastor of First German Reformed Church, Race Street, says:—

"No better testimony can be borne to the real worth of a book, than that its perusal has been found truly instructive and edifying, and that the reading of several chapters of it causes regret that there is neither time nor opportunity, at present, for going through the whole of it. This testimony I can sincerely offer in favor of the 'Inner Life.' It is a good book in the highest sense of the term, and cannot fail to prove welcome and profitable to all who read it with sober and devout minds.

"J. H. A. BOMBERGER,

"PHILADELPHIA, May 12, 1865."

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BY

A WAYFARING MAN.

"After a short pause, he began with a voice that would have allayed the anguish of death, and charmed the wildest discord into calm attention: every accent breathed celestial love and harmony, while he described the joys of his 'Father's house.' Every word was penetrating. In his descriptions, I saw the glories, I felt the joys, of heaven."

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INTRODUCTION.

THERE is not enough of anything good in the world, which depends on man, not enough even of those good things of which it is asserted most frequently, that there is too much. Books are plenty, good books are few, and among the classes of the few good books none are more rare than those which are thoroughly adapted to the experimental life of the Christian. Religious books, written in the course of professional life, and printed simply because they have been written,—books prepared for the benefit of the author, or of the publisher, not for the benefit of the reader,—are common enough. Smooth and graceful in style and rich in thought such works may be, but as they do not come from the heart they do not go to the heart, they simply swell the number of books already too large, books wrought out in no genuine experience, and addressed to no specific want, and incapable of moving the affections of men, a result without which their judgments are enlightened in vain.