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The liberal soul shall be made fat. — *Solomon.*

For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. — *Phil. i. 21.*

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PREFACE.

ANOTHER volume for you and for the millions. Verily, of the making of books there is no end. So let it be of all the true, good, and useful. Truth and virtue are really mighty; yea, stronger far than base fiction or charming vice, and must finally prevail. Godliness, too, is ever profitable. We have the promise: it is only a matter of time. O, then, let us raise high the banner of the Cross, and roll back the raging tide of error, vice, and destruction! Sin and Satan are yet running riot.

Can we not timely interest and benefit the dear youth and the reading community with Bible truth, scenes, food, and facts of real life, with good hopes of the future? Let us ever try, and trust, and pray, and watch, and rejoice.

While quite young I began to attend the Sunday school, to read the Bible and religious books, and also to peruse history, travels, and scientific works. So I have always been careful to select choice and profitable works, as I would good company, well adapted to expand, develop, and discipline the mind, to invigorate and elevate the heart and soul, to store and

strengthen the memory, to vitalize, direct, and establish the will in prosecuting good resolutions for God, for humanity, and for heaven. Blessed birthright!

But especially did I feel my responsibility, and cherish a thirst for sacred knowledge, after my conversion to God—to do good, and to win souls to Christ.

Thus after reading, musing, praying, and preaching, I longed for and often and anxiously contemplated a visit to the Holy Land and other sacred places of Bible fame, that I might learn, profit, and enjoy somewhat, and be a more efficient minister. So Providence, in due time, opened the way, granted my request, and crowned the arduous enterprise with large success.

I had previously visited England, Ireland, Scotland, and France, being a delegate and visitor to the World's Temperance Convention, to the Evangelical Alliance, and to other religious bodies. But I could not be satisfied short of seeing the hallowed places, and of treading in the very footsteps of Christ and the Bible worthies. So I went, saw, felt, spoke, wrote, preached, and prayed, and have ever thanked God for this unspeakable privilege. I have returned, I trust, a wiser, richer, better, and happier man, and a more efficient Evangelist. To God be all and endless praise!

During my tour I preached many sermons, of which I have written these sketches since my foreign letters were published in the American Baptist in New York.

Learning, on my return home, that my letters were read with much interest and profit by friends in Sunday schools and in families, I soon resolved to collect, revise, and publish the same in a volume for their special use. O, let us forestall the wily enemy, and fill the minds of the young with sacred truth and pure thoughts.

Being often asked for the little things, items, and incidents of travels, as well as the great, I here give you the whole, truly, freely, and in all its variety. In addition to illustrations of historic places, which are of interest to all classes, I have had a few illustrations put in especially for my young friends.

Now, my dear friend and reader, I have great pleasure in presenting you this book of TRAVELS IN BIBLE LANDS, as a pure and prayerful gift, hoping thereby to do your soul good, and to advance the Redeemer's kingdom.

Now let me enjoy your prayers, and share your earnest co-operation in holding up Mount Zion's banner, till the world shall be filled with peace and crowned with glory.

EMERSON ANDREWS.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., July, 1871.



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