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BY
THOMAS WALLACE,
AUTHOR OF "THE GUIDE TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY,"
"THE HAPPY FAMILY," &c.

"O, talk to me of Heaven! I love
To hear about my Home above:
For there does many a lov'd one dwell,
In light and joy ineffable.
O, tell me how they shine and sing,
While every harp rings echoing,
And every glad and tearless eye,
Beams like the bright sun gloriously!"

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AND
WARD & CO., 27, PATERNOSTER ROW.

1850.

This Little Volume

IS

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

TO THE

REV. ALEXANDER FLETCHER, D.D.,

OF FINSBURY CHAPEL,

THE PASTOR OF MY EARLY DAYS,

AND WHOSE

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTIONS WERE MUCH VALUED ;

**WITH EVERY WISH THAT HIS LABOURS MAY CONTINUE
TO BE EXTENSIVELY BLESSED,**

ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG.

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PREFACE.

This modest and unpretending volume has been penned by the author, with a sincere desire, he trusts, to do good. His prominent, his supreme, object, he hopes, is to glorify that Saviour, at once, so exalted and gracious, who has entered Heaven, as the Forerunner, the Advocate, and the Life, of all his people, and who has explicitly assured them, for their unfailing consolation, that "because He lives, they shall live also." He has been induced to compose and publish the subjoined pages, principally, on the following ground :

A few years ago, he delivered a series of Discourses on the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel by John, which proved interesting and edifying to many; and he has been often

solicited to embody, through the medium of the press, a few thoughts and reflections formerly submitted to his hearers.

The portion which comprises this small volume, comprehends a beautiful and sublime view of the kingdom of immortality—one always refreshing, stimulating, and inspiring, to the sincere and enlightened believer in the Lord Jesus; and in the devout hope that it may prove beneficial to those who value and honour the Saviour, who are experiencing the trials of life—who are advancing in years—who are visited with sickness—who are panting after communion with their Lord—and who are longing for the rest, the bliss, the perfection, of heaven, it is affectionately and gratefully presented to the church of the one Redeemer!

The writer has no narrow, party, exclusive, feeling, that he wishes to cherish. He would ever soar beyond a spirit so unscriptural and so injurious—a spirit so repugnant to Christianity.

His ardent desire is to develop and cultivate love to *all*, who cultivate love to the Son of