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PREFACE.

THE following pages, relating to one of the most interesting of all the subjects on which the mind of man can be exercised, are published in the hope that Christ's true disciples, walking by faith in the Son of God who loved them and gave Himself for them, may be enabled to catch by their aid some cheering glimpses, faint though they may be, of the blessedness in store for them, and for which they are kept by the power of God, through faith granted to them from above; and likewise that they may be encouraged, consoled, and quickened, and enabled to live more above the world, and to be less of it, according as their present state may most require in each of their cases.

And if these foreshowings of a certain

future blessedness, all derived from holy Scripture, should fall into the hands of any of those pitiable persons who are as yet out of the narrow path which leads to the eternal city, of which the Lord has said that few there be which find it, may it be granted to them, by the powerful energy of the Holy Spirit, that by means of the thoughts here dropped into their minds, they may be induced to enter the only way which has the promise of the light of God's countenance here on earth, and of glory for evermore in the life to come!

May God's own presence and teaching be granted to all who open and close this book, so that they may find it to be a messenger of peace, hope, and holy joy, in Jesus Christ, who is the Saviour of sinners, and the helper of all them that put their trust in Him!

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CHAPTER I.

Introduction.

