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RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE name of Christmas Evans is already widely known. The extract from one of his sermons, generally published under the title of the "*Specimen of Welsh Preaching*," has been sufficient, among Christians speaking the English language, to establish his character as a preacher of sublime genius, and of lofty powers of imagination. For his genius and power in the pulpit, Robert Hall is well known to have had him in high admiration. It is not perhaps as generally known among American Christians that he was equally eminent for piety and ministerial usefulness. The Memoir prepared for the use of English readers by his countryman, the Rev. D. Phillips, as exhibiting his unremitting labors, and the blessing of God that accompanied them, and the simplicity, devotedness, and disinterestedness of his character, will be found, in the judgment of the subscriber, one of interest and value.

To the Baptists of the United States it may have also still another recommendation, as bringing to their view the character and habits of the numerous and flourishing churches of their denomination in the Principality of Wales.

WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS,
Pastor of Amity-st. Bapt. Ch. New-York.

I cordially unite with Brother Williams in his commendation of Christmas Evans, and in the desirableness of having his *Memoirs* printed and circulated in the United States. He was a man of God, and eminently useful in his generation.

The manuscript prepared by Brother Phillips I have read with deep interest. I find Brother Evans exhibiting, with great clearness and power, the distinguishing doctrines of grace throughout his *ministry*; and his cheerful, humble, and devoted *life*, as presented in these *Memoirs*, exhibits with equal clearness the holy practical influence of the doctrines he preached.

I hope the work may be speedily printed and widely circulated.

SPENCER H. CONE,

Pastor of First Baptist Church, N. Y.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T .

THE only apology which the compiler offers for the appearance of this volume, is the almost constant inquiry made respecting the extraordinary man whose history it records. This suggested the desirableness of publishing a brief Memoir of his character and labors, that American readers might be made more intimately acquainted with one of whom they had heard so much : after all, it is to be regretted that the portraiture here exhibited is but a very faint resemblance of the original. This work is principally taken from the Welsh Memoir, published in the principality soon after the death of Mr. Evans, to which is added a variety of incidents well known to the writer, and which occurred within the limits of his acquaintance of some thirty years with Mr. Evans. The candor of the reader is requested on behalf of the style in which the book is written, and particularly to the translation of those portions of Mr. E.'s writings which occur in the course of the work, for it was thought best to render them in

language as nearly as possible to that which he would have used himself had he written in English.

That the Divine blessing may attend this humble attempt to magnify the grace of God, which was so eminently displayed in the subject of these pages, shall be the constant prayer of the compiler.

D. P.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1843.

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