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PREFACE,

BY E. A.

FOR a considerable time past it has impressed my mind that I ought to record the Lord's gracious dealings with me from early life; and, although I consider myself truly as the least amongst many brethren, and have nothing whereof to boast, save infirmities, yet having found benefit in perusing the writings of our pious predecessors in the truth, if it please the Lord that anything which I may have herein to record, may be useful to others, to Him be the glory; for truly it is by His grace we are what we are, when turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God;" and feeling, as I do, cordial unity with their writings, I am desirous, as it may please the Lord to enable me, to cast a mite into the treasury, for the benefit of those who are professors of the truth as it is in Jesus.

INTRODUCTION.

THE memory of EDWARD ALEXANDER feeling precious to many of his surviving friends, and they believing that his MSS. contain much valuable matter, are desirous to preserve, in print, some abridged extracts from them; not with any view to extol the creature, but to magnify the efficacy and power of Divine Grace, which, through submission thereunto, made him what he was; preserved him the humble, self-denying disciple of our dear Redeemer, and enabled him, in a dying hour, not only to testify to its sufficiency, but to glorify and praise his great Creator for his goodness and mercy, as well as to make known the power and coming of the Lord Jesus, through whom was his hope of salvation.

Interest is naturally felt in the narratives of those through whom we have received instruction, more especially where a circumspect life holds out the inviting language, "Come, follow me, as I have endeavoured to follow Christ." It is believed many

there are who can cherish, love, and respect his memory; who knew his worth, and were witnesses of his bright example of obedience, dedication, and labour to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth; others, also, in whose hearts seals to his ministry have been impressed, will, no doubt, feel an interest in reading the following pages. May we all reap therefrom instruction and benefit, and be encouraged by the experience of one who, being faithful in the little, was made ruler over more, and who, in the full surrender of the heart, was permitted to partake of that gracious sentence, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

He has acknowledged "he did not possess as enlarged a natural understanding as many; neither was he favoured with what is generally called a liberal education." His papers were found in a very rough and imperfect state, yet, it being considered the simplicity of his style and lively manner of expression were descriptive of the writer, much care has been taken to retain his own words, even though repetition often occurs, save where grammatical errors or scriptural quotations needed correction.

A TESTIMONY
OF
THE MONTHLY MEETING OF LIMERICK
CONCERNING
EDWARD ALEXANDER.

UNDER the feeling that "the memory of the just is blessed," we believe it right to preserve a memorial of this our beloved friend, not with any view to extol the creature, but rather to direct to the Power which was graciously pleased to carry on the work of preparation, until, in his own time, he called him forth to appear amongst us as a minister of the gospel. And we desire that he, being dead, may continue to speak, in the remembrance of the deep instruction conveyed through him as an instrument, as well as by his bright example of dedication and obedience, that so the fruits of his labours may yet appear, to the praise of the Great Husbandman.

He was born in this city on the 5th of the fourth month, 1788, and was the eldest son of our esteemed friends Samuel and Deborah Alexander, of whose religious care over their offspring the subject of this testimony has left on record, that they endeavoured to bring them up in the fear of the Lord, and were religiously concerned to set them a good example, in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel; also in the diligent attendance of our religious meetings; that he remembered his father's wholesome instructions when very young; and to such care, under the Divine blessing, did our beloved departed friend attribute his being preserved in his youth from falling.