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TO
HIS FONDLY ATTACHED BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IS INSCRIBED THIS SIMPLE
Memorial
OF A BELOVED SON
BY THEIR
DEVOTED MOTHER.

*"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and our
daughters as the polished corners of the Temple."*

PREFACE.

THIS simple memorial of a beloved son is written with a threefold object—

1st, To perpetuate in the minds of every member of his family the lively remembrance of his lovely character, and above all, of the high and holy principles which actuated him in all the relations of life, and in all his employments and recreations.

2dly, For the encouragement of mothers, who often “sow in tears.” Let them take courage. Let them never weary of scattering the precious seed of God’s Word in the hearts of their little ones, for God Himself has promised, “It shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

And, *lastly*, it is hoped, that it may prove some help to those young men who are in the same position in life, who walk the same slippery paths, whose daily routine of duty lies in the midst of those who “forget God.”

Who can contemplate unmoved that living stream which daily pours its tens of thousands into our great metropolis from every suburb—

immortal beings, each one of whom we shall see again before the "judgment seat of Christ," for "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."* Day by day they go forth, some to labour; some to drudgery; some, it may be, to pleasant, congenial work; but still more to that which is wearisome, monotonous, harassing.

How many among that multitude go forth to the great battle of life, clad in that armour which can alone protect them from the wiles of the world, the flesh, and the devil? How many have that morning knelt in humble prayer to ask their Heavenly Father to guide and guard them, to "lead them not into temptation," to "deliver them from evil?" Blessed be God! *some have done this!* and they *will be kept* by His almighty power. For others, who are strangers to prayer, how many a fervent supplication has ascended from Christian mothers, that their sons might be preserved amid the thousand evils and temptations of that busy world into which they were about to plunge! Pray on "without ceasing," anxious mother, such prayers are registered in Heaven! The answer will come—"Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry!"

* Eccles. xii. 14.

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