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PREFACE.



THE author thinks it necessary to inform such of his readers, as are cognisant of his own late bereavement, that the present work has not been written since the event occurred, indited, as it would then have been, in hot haste under the pressure of immediate woe—the fact being that the work was quite ready for publication, and, but for circumstances over which he had no control, would have made its appearance before his sorrow came.

Some readers may be disappointed at finding so little that is addressed to those established in the grace of God; but his object in preparing the work was rather to speak to those who have not found the con-

solutions of grace, and for whom he had been told that a work like the present was much required. At the same time, he hopes that it may contain much that will commend itself to the hearts and experience of established Christians.

In trying to speak a word in season to the bereaved, it has been the author's desire to avoid the stern didactics of a bare theology, which would seem to ignore the inevitable feelings of the human heart, it being his firm persuasion that, if you desire to do good to the souls of men in the day of adversity, you must show them that you enter into all the particulars of their sorrow.

If this humble effort be according to the mind of God, may He grant it success, and to His name be all the glory in Christ Jesus. Amen and Amen.

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BEREAVEMENT.

BEREAVEMENT! What a word it is—a word of many-headed woes! A word telling of families made desolate; of wounded hearts, and weeping eyes; of closest bonds abruptly torn asunder; of social intercourse extinguished; life's fondest hopes destroyed. It tells of earth become a graveyard; no sunny bliss secure against its inroads; no promise of long companionship so flattering, but in a moment the dream may vanish, and nought be left but the hard reality of woe.

BEREAVEMENT! Yes, it is a word of

anguish. It says that hearts are broken, the iron entering into the very soul; that the axe is laid at the root of life's romance; that the sky of former joys is clouded over with the mantle of distress. How many tales of sorrow does BEREAVEMENT tell! Yet, it is a word fraught with importance to the soul; a word, for purposes of good, framed in the vocabulary of heaven, God's mind and will impressed upon it; the exponent of His judgments; the expression of His love in chastening; the verbal embodiment of His good pleasure. It is His voice in action; speaking in facts; preaching in visitations; the Lord himself walking abroad in His realities. It speaks of DEATH. This is the head and substance of its teaching. It tells how "SIN entered into the world, and DEATH by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL HAVE SINNED" (Rom. v. 12).

Then, is it not a solemn word—a search-