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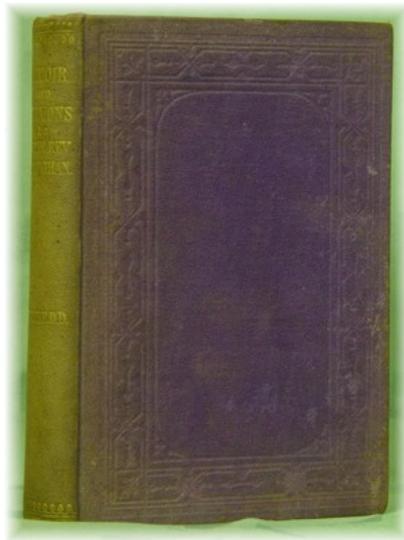
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PREFACE.

THE author, in preparing this memoir, had the advantage of knowing the late Mr Maughan intimately from the time he was a youth of 17 to the period of his death. His conversion to God, his early studies, his youthful temptations, and his first efforts as a local preacher, were known to the author by personal intercourse while labouring in the Newcastle Circuit; and the subsequent career of our departed friend was almost as well known from conjoint labours, frequent interviews, and a constant correspondence.

In designating our brother 'A man of all work,' the author uses not the words of exaggeration, but of sober truth. He never knew a man more devoted to his work, nor many more adapted to those diversified labours which the exigencies of the present day claim from the ministers of Christ. He was fluent both with his pen and his tongue, and as much at home on the platform as in the pulpit; and though a diligent student, he was a devoted pastor. No duties seemed irksome to him, and none beneath him. The humblest services were performed with as much fidelity as the highest of the ministerial office. He scorned to eat the bread of idleness, or to fritter away his life in evening parties and social pleasures. He lived in earnest, and he

lived for God and the good of man. There was energy and purpose in all that he did ; and though his life was short if counted by years, it was long if reckoned by labours.

It would have been easy to enlarge this memoir to twice its dimensions ; but, following the guidance of Scripture precedent, the author thought it better to condense than to expand, and aim to interest the reader by variety instead of wearying him by prolixity.

In order that our departed friend might be known by what he said as well as by what he did, I have selected a few of his sermons and lectures ; and thus, though dead, some portion of his living utterances may benefit the living.

While this volume is prepared solely as a labour of love by the author, the beneficence of friends, who knew and appreciated the worth of our departed brother, having defrayed the cost of printing and binding this volume, has thereby rendered the book at once a memorial of high esteem for his character, and a tribute of sincere sympathy and affection for his excellent and devoted wife, who largely shared in his toils, and cheerfully sacrificed her personal and domestic comforts for his usefulness. Therefore, any friend promoting the circulation of this volume will thereby promote the welfare of the widow and her family.

The author dedicates this volume to Mrs Catherine Maughan, the widow of his deceased friend, as a memento of esteem, not only for her domestic virtues and high Christian character, but also her self-denying and exemplary, though unobtrusive labours, in facilitating and promoting the usefulness of her devoted husband.

London, March, 1872.

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MEMOIR
OF
THE REV. JAMES MAUGHAN.

CHAPTER I.

MR MAUGHAN'S EARLY LIFE AND CONVERSION TO GOD,
1826—1847.

IF the development of mind were dependent on the advantages and facilities afforded by wealth and leisure, few would attain to eminence. But native energy will rise superior to external difficulties, and cut out for itself a path to high excellence through thorns, briars, and rocks. History abounds with examples of this truth, and in this class Mr Maughan takes a place, if not so exalted as some, yet one highly honourable to himself and to the Denomination to which through life he was loyally attached. Whatever attainments he reached, and in several departments of knowledge they were far more than ordinary, resulted from irrepressible energy and activity. In every sense he was a self-made man.

But usefulness is a higher attribute than knowledge, and in this Mr Maughan surpassed not a few of his contemporaries. His ministry was the means of con-

version to many and of edification to many thousands ; and assuredly he made all his acquisitions subservient to this as the supreme end of his life, as will be seen in the following brief record of his history.

The Rev. James Maughan was the son of James and Isabella Maughan, and was born October 25, 1826, in the village of Hepburn, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. His father died before the birth of his son, and the widowed mother had to struggle with the privations of her desolate condition. But she was a woman of industry, natural fortitude, and true piety ; and her religion taught her to trust in Him who is the Husband of the widow and the Father of the fatherless. James was baptized at Jarrow, the place rendered memorable by the life and labours of the Venerable Bede. After a few years Mrs Maughan was married again, which appears to have been no disadvantage to her only child, as James was regularly carried by his step-father to the house of God, and when old enough was sent to the village school. His good mother cheerfully lent her influence to instil the principles and duties of religion into his mind.

At an early period James showed his self-reliant disposition, for when only eight years of age he resolved to work, in order as far as possible to earn his own living. The family removed for a time to Wallsend, the village renowned for its excellent coal ; and when James was about 12 years old his parents removed further to the village of Seatonburn, six miles north of Newcastle. Here James enjoyed for a short time the privilege of education at a school in the neighbourhood, under the patronage of the Rev. Mr

Mr Maughan at this time had as much to do in fostering the infant Church at Adelaide as most men would deem quite sufficient to occupy their whole energies, yet he continued to fill up every vacant evening either with lectures on some scientific topic, or other meetings of a specific character. Nor did even these satisfy his yearnings for usefulness. He felt urged by an irrepressible desire to get into some of the outlying townships, and to this end he sought to raise up a band of local preachers, and so soon as the men were ready a sphere of usefulness was opened. In a letter to the Rev. S. Hulme, the General Secretary of the Mission, we see the workings of his active and aggressive spirit.

‘ Adelaide, Feb. 24th, 1866.

‘ Since I last wrote you several matters of interest have arisen indicative of the progressive character of our Mission. About three months ago we resolved on the formation of a staff of local preachers, believing that we had now acquired sufficient strength in the heart of the colony to justify us in commencing aggressive movements. The question, however, arose, of what use were local preachers on a plan, without local places to which to send them? But all God’s works have logic in the order of their arrangement, and so ought those of the Adelaide Methodist New Connexion. Let us then organize a staff of men for work, and trust to the yearnings of human necessity, and the openings of a gracious providence for the rest. Strange to say, three brethren had barely preached their trial sermons when the Macedonian cry, “Come over and help us,” from a distance of nine

miles, fell upon our ears. A small township in Hope Valley, comparatively destitute of religious ordinances, required our help. On visiting the locality and preaching to its people, I found a door of usefulness open to us. The matter was duly laid before our January Quarterly Meeting, and Hope Valley placed upon our plan. During the following week I paid a pastoral visit to the people of the neighbourhood, and formed a Church of several members, as the nucleus and starting-point of future labours.

‘We now had to direct our attention to the question of a place of worship. A cottage we could have, but there were many reasons against its occupation. A small “Anybodies’ chapel,” that nobody, for various reasons, cared about attending, was available without cost, and therefore accepted by us; but it was felt that a new chapel must be at once erected, if permanent results were to be secured. Several commanding sites of land were inspected, and the owners inquired after. One of the latter proving to be a gentleman with whom I was personally acquainted, I resolved to use my friendship in the service of the Church. In reply to my request for the gift of half-an-acre of land, I received the prompt response, “I shall be most happy to oblige you, and also to give you a guinea towards the furtherance of your pious object.” Great vigour and promptitude, however, were now required. The gentleman, Capt. Stephenson, would leave for England in ten days. If the land were not conveyed before that time, expense and delay must necessarily result. The land was leased, and the lease must be surrendered before the transfer could be signed.

SELECT SERMONS AND LECTURES

BY THE

REV. JAMES MAUGHAN.

SERMON I.

THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.

‘For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.’—1 COR. xv. 53.

THESE words form part of Paul’s magnificent argument in favour of the resurrection of the dead. One of our modern poets, personifying the soul, and at the same time paraphrasing the noble sentiment of our text, has said with force and beauty—

‘Gird up thy mind to contemplation,
Trembling inhabitant of earth.
Tenant of a hovel for a day,—
Thou art heir of the universe for ever!
For neither congealing of the grave,
Nor gulping waters of the firmament,
Nor expansive airs of heaven,
Nor dissipating fires of Gehenna,
Nor rust of rest, nor wear, nor waste,
Nor loss, nor chance, nor change,
Shall avail to quench or overwhelm
The spark of soul within thee.’

That there dwells in man a deathless spirit there is abundant evidence.

sisted every diverting temptation ; he devoted all the powers of his mind to the one grand idea of his life ; he found friends to help him as he needed and deserved them ; he exerted an enormous influence on the people of his own generation ; he died with his head crowned with honours and with years ; and, what is still more important, he left a name and an influence behind him that will be as lasting as the sun. In these things strive, then, to emulate his great example. Remember that you possess ten thousand privileges that he possessed not. The path to immortality is already opening out before you. Step into it. Consecrate the best powers of your being to your Maker and your kind. Read carefully ; pray constantly ; work perseveringly. So shall your names live in the temple of your country's history, when your souls are enshrined in the upper and nobler temple of your God.

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