

## PREFACE

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THE chief object of this little book is to keep alive, more especially in the family circle, the memory and the influence of the blessed departed : to associate these memories with thankfulness and hope, and in some measure to bury our sorrow in their joy.

Each month is introduced with Scripture reminders, as helps to a holy life.

The blank pages are for the registration of the names of loved ones opposite the date of their death, and words of comfort from Holy Scripture.

O child of sorrow, be it thine to know  
That Scripture only is the cure of woe !  
That field of promise, how it flings abroad  
Its perfume o'er the Christian's thorny road !  
The soul, reposing on assur'd belief,  
Feels herself happy amidst all her grief,  
Forgets her labour as she toils along,  
Weeps tears of joy and bursts into a song.

—COWPER.