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“WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, BE STRONG;  
LET ALL YOUR THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY.”—1 Cor. xvi. 13, 14.

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MEMOIR OF ARCHBISHOP LEIGHTON,

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ROBERT LEIGHTON was the son of Dr. Alexander Leighton, a Presbyterian divine in the reigns of the first Stuarts, well known for the work he published in the time of Charles I. under the title of “Zion’s Plea against Prelacy,” and still more notorious for the cruel and excessive punishment to which he was condemned by the Star Chamber; having been first repeatedly whipped, pilloried, and mutilated, and afterwards imprisoned for life.

Sprung from such a parent, brought up at Edinburgh at the feet of Gamaliel, and endowed with a mind of peculiar sensibility and affection, it was natural to expect that the memory of his father’s wrongs, united with the prejudices of his education, would have fixed in his mind a deep hostility to the government, both in church and state, and placed him when of age, amongst the most zealous and formidable advocates of the Covenant. But such was by no means the case. Other circumstances of an opposite character served to counterbalance these propensities. To nature he was indebted for