

THE Rev. Joseph Forsyth, lately minister of the Gospel in the Congregational Church at Waterville, C. B., and who was called into the presence of his Lord, at the close of 1866, was "Omicron,"—the writer, five and twenty years ago, of this little work.

It was first published by Nisbet of London, and had considerable circulation in England. The author long desired its re-publication in this country, but never realized that desire, although, as years gathered upon him, it became stronger.

It is as some slight testimony to his memory, and in early posthumous fulfilment of his desire, but still more as testimony to what is believed to be God's truth, that a friend now gives to the press the only copy known to be extant in Canada, that the work may, if the Lord will, have useful circulation here.

It is truth of the character needed by Christians in these times; yet one to some extent goes "outside the camp," and may bear reproach (as the author long ago did) in giving it forth. But if it be according to the mind of the Master, and he accept and own it as testimony, that will be satisfaction enough, and that will be best known in "the day which approacheth."

The author desired a few verbal alterations, and, under the judicious criticism of an esteemed friend (not residing in this country), these have now been made. Furthermore, the author had come to doubt the "day for year" reckoning, and any references to chronology in the following pages are to be read with understanding of his abandonment of it.

The truths here set forth are fitted to comfort and establish Christians, are precious separating from this present evil world in their tendency, and if used in the preaching of the Gospel they would (it is believed) by God's blessing be powerful to the awakening of the unconverted.

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