

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

From all sides the Lord has sent in many proofs that His blessing is with this testimony of His grace, despite what in it may have been marred by the flesh. To *Him* be all praise.

Various suggestions have been made concerning certain statements in the publication which might cause offence rather than edification, and I have cheerfully complied with them by cutting out two small paragraphs and a note. One suggests the following: "I am glad there is nothing for morbid curiosity at the drop. But still for the information of those at a distance, who have no opportunity of knowing the circumstances under which he was sentenced and hung, a very short account should be given of the nature of his crime, &c., and more particularly when sending it to Europe, or for the next generation if the Lord should tarry."

Some have desired to know what was the intellectual condition, &c., of a man who, in the things of God made such wonderful progress in so short a time. In a few as brief remarks as possible, I will endeavour to satisfy all.

He was 34 years of age when executed. His life evidently had been a wild one. I never spoke with him about his past life. Our interviews, no matter how long, were wholly taken up with the word of God. An *incident* lifted the veil to me: I was turning the leaves of his Testament to find a passage for him when I noticed two verses crossed out with pencil mark. They were

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