

blest." The light that began to be kindled then, in the author's heart, the light of life, has never since ceased to shine, and has been reflected, however feebly, in a ministry of two-score years and a believing life of more. It is his aim and prayer, in this exegetical essay, to help to shed that light through the Press, both before his death and after. Time and opportunity did not occur before ; but now it is felt as a great privilege and pleasure to send it forth among the beloved brethren of his first fellowship and in the land of his spiritual nativity. The dearest land to the author's heart is CANADA, for here the morning of an everlasting day broke upon his soul, here the light of heavenly life first gladdened his eye, here the music of salvation first fell upon his ear, here his first friendships were formed, here his Master graciously put him into the ministry, here his ministerial first-fruits were gathered, here the good Providence of his life has replaced him, after an absence of twenty-two years, and here he is happily re-united to the Church of his spiritual childhood and early service. Nowhere else has he more found the religion of life—though he has rejoiced to find it elsewhere often ; and both to his first friends in Christ and all others he commits this earnest attempt to illustrate the words that were spoken by the Lord, more than eighteen hundred years ago, in the holy city, to a Jewish ruler, for the ages of redemption and the world of mankind.

“AS EVERY MAN HATH RECEIVED THE GIFT, EVEN SO MINISTER THE SAME ONE TO ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD . . . THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO WHOM BE PRAISE AND DOMINION FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.”