

PREFACE.

THE following discourse, with the exception of the leading propositions, was delivered without the use of notes. The publication of it was not designed by the Author; but as the friends of the highly esteemed servant of God, whose sudden removal from our midst we so much deplore, have earnestly requested to have it in its present form, the Preacher deems it his duty to comply with their wishes, in the hope that this humble tribute of respect to one, with whom he had been accustomed to hold delightful fellowship in the Gospel, may be the means of stimulating others to follow the example of him who, through faith and patience, is now inheriting the promises.

The Author feels unfeigned pleasure in making a most valuable addition to the discourse, by inserting a deeply interesting letter, from the pen of the Rev. RUFAS BABCOCK, D. D., of New-York, received since its delivery, in which the early religious experience and Christian character of our lamented Brother are graphically and touchingly described.