

MARY L. WARE.

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THE Memoir of the Life of Mary L. Ware has now been a considerable time published, and the demand for it has been extensive. The approval of the press has been unqualified, so far as we know, as indeed we do not see how it could have been otherwise. As the book is for sale in Montreal, as well as in the other leading cities of America, we must presume that many of the readers of the *Liberal Christian* are acquainted with it. But as all may not be so, we wish here to call some attention to it. Mrs. Ware was a true saint of the liberal Christian faith. Her biography is one of unusual interest and value. It is the record of a life spent amid the common relations, and represents one who, with no extraordinary gifts of genius or brilliant intellectual endowments, unfolded a constant and unceasing devotion to duty and the welfare of others. The outward life of Mrs. Ware was not marked by unusual or thrilling incidents. The chief interest gathers around her personal character, and to the consideration of this, we propose to devote a few of these pages.

First, then, as a Christian daughter. Youth is the spring time of our being, in which everything starts forth with the luxuriance and freshness of early growth. Hope and imagination combine to paint our anticipations of the future with bright and beautiful coloring. Ordinarily it is a period free from care, and those anxieties which deepen the convictions of maturer years. But Mary Pickard*

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