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## IN MEMORIAM.

REV. WILLIAM MORLEY PUNSHON, LL.D.

WE present herewith a threefold tribute of love and sorrow to the memory of the great and good man whom God, in His mysterious providence, has recently taken from the Church on earth to the Church on high. The first is by the Rev. Benjamin Gregory, ex-President of the English Conference, and Editor of the *Wesleyan Methodist Magazine*, from whose pages it is taken. The second is by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, and was dictated by him while lying on a sick couch, to the short-hand reporter of a Montreal daily paper, upon the arrival of the tidings of Dr. Punshon's death. The third is the beautiful account by the Rev. Hugh Johnston, B.D., of Montreal, of the last hours of Dr. Punshon, which, as a son in the Gospel, he was permitted to cheer. We have the promise of still further personal recollections by Bro. Johnston, who enjoyed relations of peculiar intimacy with the honoured dead.—Ed.

### I.

William Morley Punshon was a good man; one in whom we must "glorify God." He was greatly good, and manifoldly great: a man to whom one might well point as an illustration of "the excellency and nobleness of the Christian religion." His magnificent oratorical powers cast somewhat into the shade intellectual qualities both rare and of a high order. He was, indeed, a God-made orator; in imagination, in sensibility, in his whole mental and physical build. Himself no mean poet, his sermons,