

UNTO  
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**THE OLD CHURCH.**

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Lives and Letters of the parents of the home at  
Graaff Reinet, with short sketches of the  
life of each of the children,  
and a Register.

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*"I thank Thee for a holy ancestry  
I bless Thee for a godly parentage;  
For seeds of truth, and light, and purity,  
Sown in this heart from childhood's earliest age."*

—BONAR.

*"God of our fathers; be the God of their succeeding race."*

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## FOREWORD.

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The original manuscript of this family history was written some fifteen years ago with a view to publication ; but as articles of the same nature, from other pens appeared in magazines, it was laid aside.

Some five years later it was taken up again, but a fresh interruption took place. This time it was the war. Not one of the families remained unscathed by the fiery blast. Those experiences would have made too painful reading. After another interval of five years it was resumed, and is now given to the family, with the mutual understanding, that our motto must be "Not unto us, not unto us ; that no flesh may glory in His presence."

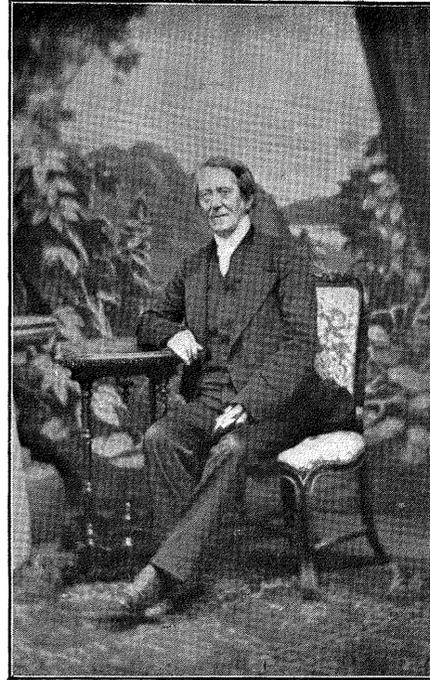
We pray that this record of God's goodness and His faithfulness to the Covenant which He made to our fathers and forefathers, enabling them to keep their side of it, may encourage each one to pray for, and expect the same blessings for generations yet to come !

As we remember that, of the children of the first generation, some have already been called Home, and that those of us who survive cannot remain very long, it seemed desirable that for the benefit of *their* children, a short sketch of each should be given. We desire by means of this book to keep up the bond of union, and that our children's children may remember that they are all covenanted children.

With gratitude we recognise the fact that in the case of each of the children of the first generation, the influence of the sons and daughters who married into the family has been such as to help and perpetuate the blessing. It is all of free grace ; to God be all the glory !

M. N.

STELLENBOSCH,  
*September, 1909.*



**OUR PARENTS.**