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IN the writing of this Fathers life, I cannot but reverence his Antiquitie and admire his Christian fortitude, he is of such ancient extraction, that he was one of those that enjoyed that for which Saint *Augustine* wished, that is, *to have seene the Lord Iesus in the flesh*, and though he did not as old *Simeon* take him up in his armes, yet he beheld him with his eyes, and embraced him with his heart, and at last for his Name sake, endured constant *Martyrdome*, and indeed it was a great happinesse to behold *Christ*, who was the hope of all: and therefore he himselfe spoke it, that even *Kings and Prophets have desired to see the same.*