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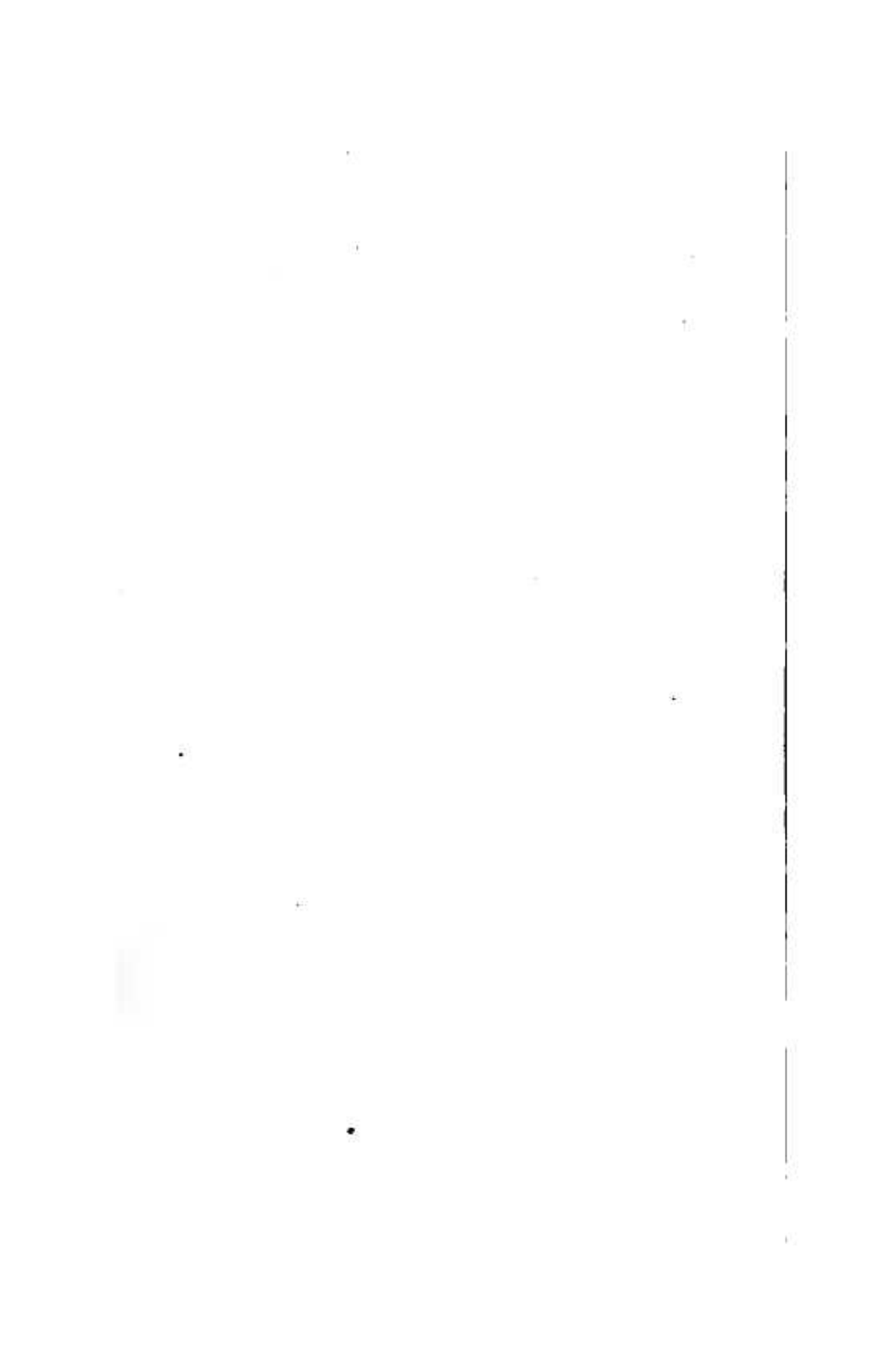
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BEFORE WHOM
THESE DISCOURSES WERE DELIVERED,
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IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED
BY
THE AUTHOR.



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P R E F A C E .

THE plan and purpose of this series are stated in the preliminary remarks in the first discourse. It has not been my object to give a critical exposition of the Lord's Prayer, but to draw from it those practical suggestions which may at once enable us to repeat it with a more intelligent and devout spirit, and to act out the great truths which it involves in our daily work and conversation. In short, the great result which I aim at in these discourses is that state of heart and conduct in which we shall utter this prayer both with our lips and with our lives. The reader of this book, then, need not expect to find in it anything new in thought or interpretation, but I trust that whoever may take it up for the purpose of quickening his religious affections, and animating him in the Christian life, may not be disappointed—may find some help and profit.

I am conscious, however, that but little is said here compared with what might be, upon this pregnant and beautiful formula. Like all our Savior's teachings, we detect in it new suggestions each time that we examine it—we find in it truths that cannot be exhausted, and meanings that cannot be expressed. But my labors such as they are, and with the object which I have stated, are here presented. May they be blessed of Him to whom so many ages and conditions of humanity have lifted and will lift this prayer, and may they contribute something to the advancement of his cause who taught us to utter it.

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