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TO  
THE PARISHIONERS OF HALESWORTH,  
THESE LECTURES,  
THE CHIEF PART OF WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY  
COMPOSED FOR THEIR USE,  
Are Inscribed,  
WITH FERVENT PRAYERS FOR THEIR PRESENT AND  
ETERNAL WELFARE,  
BY THEIR SINCERE FRIEND,  
THE AUTHOR.

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## P R E F A C E.

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THE reasons which have led to the publication of these Lectures, and to their publication in this form, are the same which operated in reference to a former Work, *The Scripture-Revelations of a Future State*; with the addition, that the favourable reception of that Work by the Public (far beyond what had been anticipated) has, of course, supplied a further encouragement.

What has been said therefore in the Preface to that little volume, and which is equally applicable in reference to the present, there is no need here to repeat.

Of the present Series of Lectures, a great part of the matter of the first three was suggested by the same friend (now elevated to a high and deserved station in the Church) who furnished the chief part of the substance of the Seventh Lecture in the former Series.

In this volume, as in the other, care has been taken (as was observed in the Preface to that) neither to give offence *unnecessarily* to any, nor, through fear of giving offence, to keep back what, on careful consideration, have been judged to be important truths: since we ought, on the one hand, to take care that our "good be not evil spoken of," and on the other hand, to be aware that no doctrine—whether true or false—is likely to be, at first sight, acceptable to those who may be, either in theory or in practice, opposed to it.

How different, and indeed opposite are the judgments, likely to be formed on the same points, by different persons, was exemplified in a striking manner on the first publication of the former volume. Two worthy and intelligent clergymen, friends of



the author, wrote to him to express their strong disapprobation of one particular Lecture; which they entreated him either to suppress or materially alter. Just at the same time, another highly respectable clergyman, personally a stranger to the author, wrote to him to ask permission to publish, separately, in a cheap form, for distribution, *that very Lecture*; which he considered as particularly valuable.

Just such a contrariety of judgment, doubtless, often takes place with respect to many a book, without so distinctly coming to the author's knowledge. But no Writer who has had this diversity of opinions so strongly brought before him, ought either to calculate on universal approbation, or again, to be disheartened by meeting with occasional censure.

An Index has been added to the present edition, and a very few short passages inserted.



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