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'I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep.'

Οὐ θέλομεν δὲ ὑμᾶς ἀγνοεῖν, ἀδελφοί, περὶ τῶν κοιμηθέντων.

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THE following pages were ready for publication, dedicated to the memory of a valued friend, Henry Parry Liddon, when it pleased God to visit me with the heaviest visitation possible for man. It may be that He, Who knows the end from the beginning, has been mercifully preparing me for this mysterious dispensation of His Providence, for at the opening of the year I was driven by a strong impulse to break off another book which I was engaged in writing, and to give my whole attention to throwing into definite shape the thoughts on the unseen world which are here set forth. I was hoping to hear that they had brought help and comfort to others; God has willed that I should be the first to test their power in my own soul.

H. M. L.

Nov. 11, 1890.



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Preface.

ELEVEN years have elapsed since I published *After Death*. It embodied the results of a patient investigation upon three important questions connected with the Intermediate State, viz., (1) the lawfulness of praying in any way for the dead ; (2) the grounds for believing in the intercessions of the dead on our behalf ; and (3), as a consequence of this belief, the legitimacy of the practice of addressing appeals to the dead for their help or intercession. I endeavoured to set forth dispassionately, without prejudice of any kind, the conclusions which seemed to be forced upon us by an accumulation of evidence drawn from a variety of primitive sources.

The fact of the book having passed through many editions and been widely read, may be taken as some proof that I did not altogether fail in separating what has been regarded as a burning subject, almost invariably provoking bitterness of controversy, from the sphere of party-spirit. It was probably the surprise expressed by the critics that I had been able to do this, which first drew attention to the book, and attracted readers, who would otherwise have turned away from a subject which has had so many distressing associations. The review in *The Guardian* dwelt much upon "the moderation, sober, calm candour, and fairness" with which the subject was discussed on its merits, and "the boldness" with which the author gave "his conclusions on the evidence alone." If it has helped in the smallest degree to secure the result anticipated in the same review, it must always be a