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' And now,
Through all restraint broke loose, he wings his way
Directly tow'rd's the new created world,
And man there placed ; with purpose to essay
If him by force he can destroy, or worse,
By some false guile pervert ; and shall pervert,
For man will hearken to his glozing lies,
And easily transgress the sole command,
Sole pledge of his obedience ; so will fall,
He and his faithless progeny : whose fault ?
Whose but his own ? Ingrate ! he had of me
All he could have : I made him just and right,
Sufficient to have stood, though free to fall.

MILTON, *Paradise Lost*, book iii.

' There is no calling so holy, no place so retired, where there are not temptations : and therefore we must be watchful, especially against the beginning of temptation : because then the enemy is easier overcome, when he is not suffered to come in at the door of the soul, but is kept out, and resisted at his first knock.'—THOMAS à KEMPIS, *Imit. of Christ*, book 1, ch. xiii.

PREFACE.

THE following pages contain the substance of Lectures, delivered by the Author to his congregation, in the Lent of the present year. Prepared, as they were, without any thought of publication, they will probably fall short, both in point of fulness and arrangement, of what the title given to them might lead a reader to expect. But, besides the want of leisure for a more complete discussion of the subject, the writer felt it would be more in keeping with the usual character of Lenten Meditations, as well as more in accordance with the wishes of those who asked for the publication of the present course, to send forth the Lectures, with only slight variations from the form in which they were delivered.

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