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LORD BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

"O visit us with Thy salvation."

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*"The Lord gave the word; great was the company of the
preachers."*

TO
WILLIAM, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK
HIMSELF A MISSION PREACHER
THIS FRAGMENT
IS OFFERED IN SINCERE AFFECTION,

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

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*"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty ; and floods upon
the dry ground."*

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

"What thing is this, what new doctrine is this?"

EARLY in the past summer the Bishops of London, Winchester, and Rochester issued a joint letter to their clergy, which may possibly mark a new era in the history of the Church of England, and certainly proclaims as grand a crusade as Christians can wish to see. Its object is to recommend the holding of a special simultaneous mission in the metropolis for the ten days immediately before the Lent of 1874. Persuasive in its language, fair in its toleration of reasonable diversities, firm in deprecating all violations of the law, it will disarm the prejudices of many hostile judgments, and to those among the clergy, who for so long have been earnestly calling on the bishops to lead them, it gives an excellent opportunity for showing if they are willing to be led. Not, indeed, that this is the first experiment of the kind. For several years past missions have been occasionally held in country dioceses, and in London itself. Ever since the Twelve Days' Mission five years ago, isolated but encouraging efforts have been, from time to time made in the same direction, furnishing valu-