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"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold
in baskets of silver."—PROV. XXV, 11.

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“ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”—*PHIL.* iv. 8.

Compiler's Preface



SO many books of extracts already exist that some apology is needed for a new one.

This is intended specially for the use of those who, whether through sickness, trouble, or any other cause, have more time than usual for reading and thinking, and who need some guidance. It is significant that the Latin word "Confortare"—from which is derived our English word "Comfort"—means "to strengthen," and the Compiler believes that what is needed is not anything merely emotional, or even simply devotional, but rather something strengthening. He would justify this line by referring to the words of St. Paul in Philippians iv. 8. Thus the passages selected are intended to suggest thoughts, lay foundations, and build up character, rather than to afford passing consolation.

It is hoped that those who use the book will be led on to further study of some at least

of the books quoted. The choice is wide enough to meet the needs of a great variety of minds, and, if used thoughtfully, ought to create a desire for closer acquaintance with these and other works of the same writers.

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Introduction



THIS book of readings, which I have been privileged to read over in proof, differs from any other that I know, partly in its main purpose, which is to quicken the spirit of devotion by an appeal to the intelligence, and partly in the fact that its author has thrown his net wider than usual, and has found his material in essays and other secular writings as well as in the treatises of orthodox divines. Moreover, though a few pieces are taken from older writers, the greater number are from those of our own day, who know the spiritual sickness of the time and are best able to minister to it.

I remember Jowett once saying, in deprecation of what seemed to him the excessive praise of a popular preacher, "But what we want in a sermon is *facts*." He meant, of course, not facts of history, but facts about the spiritual life; about man's being and character, and the being and