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TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE
CHURCH AND CONGREGATION
MEETING IN
CORNWALL ROAD,
AT WHOSE REQUEST THEY ARE PUBLISHED,
THESE SERMONS
ARE GRATEFULLY INSCRIBED BY THEIR ATTACHED
PASTOR AND FRIEND.

PREFACE.

It is, perhaps, only fair to state, that although the publication of the sermons contained in this little book has been long delayed, they appear in print very nearly as they were preached. The friends who heard them will possibly perceive that the *Fourth* has been somewhat modified in its structure : all the rest are substantially unaltered. If they help in the slightest degree to the establishment of the faith of believers, and the confirmation of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour in any heart outside the circle of those to whom it is his privilege ordinarily to minister, the Author will be more than satisfied.

12, ELGIN CRESCENT, NOTTING HILL, W.,

March, 1873.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud.

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Preached Sunday Evening, November 10th, 1872.

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"Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the LORD God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again.

"Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

"And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there."—*1 Kings xviii. 36—40.*

Preached November 17th, 1872.

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I.

PRAYER AND THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL TEST VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'S TEACHING.

MARK XI. 24.

IN the *Contemporary Review* for July, there appeared an anonymous article, entitled, "The Prayer for the Sick.' Hints towards a serious attempt to estimate its value." This article is introduced by a letter from Professor Tyndall, which concludes thus:—"The proposal is so fair, and the mode of stating it so able and so conciliatory, that I could not, when asked to do so, refuse to give it the support implied by these few words of introduction."

An article upon a subject so universally interesting, and having an object which concerns so nearly believers in God and in Christ, could not fail to excite the attention of Christians. I should not, however, have felt moved to take it up had not two further articles appeared in the *Contemporary* for October, in which