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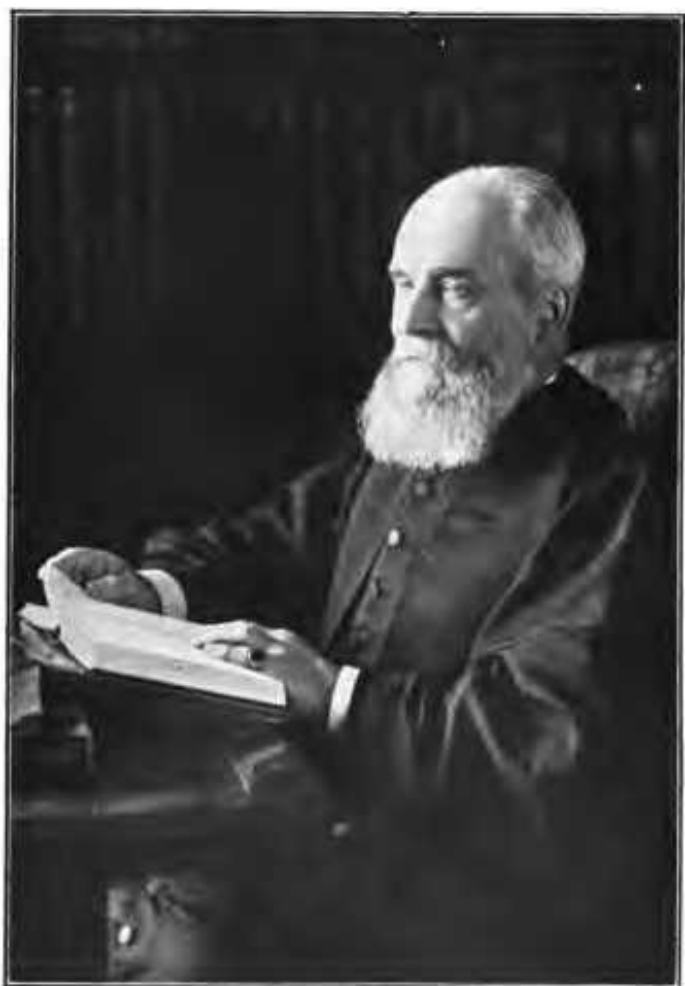
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*Photo, Elliott & Fry.*

*Yours very sincerely*

*H. W. Swete*

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## SIX ADDRESSES

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HON. CANON OF ELY; HON. CHAPLAIN TO THE KING

*WITH A PORTRAIT*

**"An inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that  
fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."**

SEVENTH THOUSAND

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING  
CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

LONDON: 68, HAYMARKET, S.W.

NEW YORK: THE MACMILLAN COMPANY

1918

I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,  
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.



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To  
 THE FRIENDS AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF  
 THE CHURCH AT HITCHIN,  
 TO WHOM HE CONSTANTLY SPOKE AND MINISTERED,  
 AND WHO GAVE HIM IN RETURN  
 GOODWILL AND RESPECTFUL AFFECTION,  
 THESE ADDRESSES  
 ARE DEDICATED BY THE  
 DESIRE OF  
 HENRY BARCLAY SWETE

to give to same as before 150

## PREFACE

THESE six addresses on the "Life of the World to Come" were given by Dr. Swete at Hitchin on the Friday afternoons of last Lent in the Trinity Chapel of St. Mary's Church. After their delivery he was asked to print them, but declined on the ground that they were too slight. Had he been spared to live longer his intention was to complete his series of books on the Apostles' Creed by a volume on "The Life Everlasting," for which he had made some preliminary studies, and this he doubtless had in mind when he gave this Lenten course. It was his custom to prepare for a book by lecturing or, as in this case, speaking on the subject until it grew and crystallized into its final shape. These addresses were written in full with all his customary care and pains, and, after his wont, they were completed some time before he was to deliver the first. To him such ministry of the Word was a matter of the first moment; and

if he deemed these particular addresses "slight," they were so intentionally, not because he had been hurried or grudged pains in their preparation. Those who heard them greatly appreciated them, and many were comforted in a time of sore trial. As he lay dying he gave me permission to print them for his "Hitchin friends." He had made his home at Hitchin after his resignation of the Regius Professorship of Divinity at Cambridge, and the eighteen months of his residence here were among some of the happiest in his life. He delighted in his garden, his library, his home, but specially did he love the parish church, and it was a great joy that he could minister in it. The churchpeople of Hitchin had in return shewed him no common appreciation and affection. One of them writes of this very course: "I shall always think of Dr. Swete as I saw him during those wonderful Lenten addresses which he gave us. He was so beautiful, sitting there in the sanctuary with the lamp shining on his face. And it seems fitting that his last words should be on the Life Hereafter. We shall miss him very much." The last address was given within a week of the begin-