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PREFACE

TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE OUTLINES of the several subjects which are contained in this volume were arranged for, and delivered in the form of, "ADVENT LECTURES," in the years 1861 and 1862.

Having filled up these outlines with many details which appear to me important, I venture to commit them to the printer's hand, and thence to send them forth for the consideration of those Students of the Prophetical Scriptures who may be disposed to read them.

For adding thus to the already overwhelming mass of commentaries on the Word of God, it will be needful that I offer but this brief apology,—several Christian friends having heard the Lectures delivered, made request that I would publish them.

Conscious am I truly of defects, which the critic will discover readily. But let him not be too severe; let him believe, rather, that my object is the spiritual welfare of our fellow-Christians, and let him deal with

me in that spirit of forbearance which such kind belief so readily begets.

And now, I pray Almighty God that He will give His blessing to this little work, and pardon all erroneous dealings with the deeper things of His Inspired Word. May He in mercy grant that both the writer and the reader, being strengthened by whatever has been written in accordance with His Will, may be guided safely through the trying periods which remain of this "Earth's Eventide," and be led onwards to the dawning of that glorious Day in which the servants of the Lord who have been waiting for His Advent shall shine forth in brightness like the Sun, and dwell before the throne of the eternal King of kings, in THE UNCEASING GLORY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM.

J. G. GREGORY.

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PREFACE

TO THE FIFTH EDITION.

IN issuing the Fifth Edition of this little Work, I cannot help expressing a sincere feeling of thankfulness that I am enabled, by the continued demand for the book, to feel justified in laying it again before the Christian Church.

I have not found it necessary to alter the substance of any prophetic interpretation which the former Editions advanced. The matter of the book and the arrangement of the subjects are the same. The few alterations in this Edition are only such as the progress of events, during the seventeen years which have elapsed since the first Edition was published, has rendered necessary for the better comprehension of those who read from the standpoint of 1880 the pages which were written in 1863.