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To  
MY MOTHER

## Preface

THIS volume of sermons is printed in fulfilment of a promise made when I resigned my post as Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral on becoming Bishop of London, a fulfilment which has been long delayed, partly by the pressing duties which came upon me in my new post, and partly by the difficulty of turning the reports of sermons delivered extempore into readable chapters. Indeed, this latter task would have been impossible but for the help of my chaplain, the Rev. H. P. Cronshaw, who has spent much time and labour upon it, and even now we feel that there are many imperfections.

I have ventured to give this little volume the title of "Under the Dome" because all the sermons were preached in St. Paul's Cathedral,

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and it is the Dome which is at once the special fascination and the peculiar mystery of St. Paul's Cathedral. "Under the Dome" you are preaching as it were to humanity; far as the eye can see, on a Sunday afternoon, as a rule, is a sea of human faces, all with their hopes, their fears, their sins, and their temptations, and the simple message which this book contains has no meaning except in relation to the manifold needs and longings of ordinary men and women. "Faith," "Joy," "God's Faithfulness," "The Pain of the World"—these were the subjects which seemed most appropriate on Sunday afternoons. The men and women of every class who gathered there needed daily bread for the daily battle of life.

On the other hand, so completely has St. Paul's Cathedral become the centre of the life of London that, even in the course of only a few years, a Canon of St. Paul's is called upon to give a special message to special gatherings of every kind; hence, in this volume will be found messages, however inadequately given, to Judges, Doctors, Soldiers, Temperance Workers, Missionaries, and others;



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and among them the shortest will have perhaps the greatest interest of all, by reason of the interest of the occasion—an address to the City Imperial Volunteers on their return from South Africa.

I cannot, however, send out this volume without one word of loving gratitude to St. Paul's for all that it has been to me during the past five years—to the aged Dean, to my colleagues of the Chapter, to the choir, both men and boys, to the vergers and working men of the Cathedral, whose Bible-class was my weekly pleasure, and last, but not least, to the members of the Sunday afternoon congregation, for the friendship which made my time there such a happy one; and it is still a lasting source of satisfaction to know as Bishop of London that, like the heart in a great body, the heart of St. Paul's is beating true.

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32, ST. JAMES'S SQUARE, S.W.  
*4th Sunday in Lent, 1902.*



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