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PREFACE.

THERE are many earnest Christians who seek for light on the subject of believing prayer and its answer. For them the following chapters have been written, in the hope that they may afford them some help in that most important inquiry. Questions arising from beyond the pale of Christian faith have been but slightly alluded to. My desire has been to collect and present the testimony of Scripture and experience on several points which practically concern all who hold faith and a good conscience, and who long and labour to have power with God in prayer.

The verses are to be read in connexion with the chapters which they succeed; and they have been added with the expectation that they may serve in so far to illustrate the truth brought out, and perhaps to commend it to some readers.

If my efforts shall be of use to any of those who frequent the throne of grace, it will be to me matter of great gladness; and I ask such to remember me in their prayers, as also the work in which, as a minister in a Home Mission field, I expect to be engaged.

CARGILL, PERTH.

July, 1867.

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CHAPTER I.

UNCERTAINTY.

"Be not silent unto me."—Ps. xxvii. i.

It is often a matter of thought with the children of God how far precise and definite answers to their prayers are to be expected. Many a time, however, instead of clearness and certainty on this point, confusion and hesitancy of mind will be found to prevail. They are aware, on the one hand, that the assured hope of obtaining a precise answer may in some cases amount to presumption and lead to disappointment, and, on the other, that the want of all distinct expectation is ordinarily just unbelief—that "wavering" which effectually prevents blessing, according to the word in the Epistle of James, "Let not that man think that he shall obtain anything of the Lord."

Not being very certain as to when they ought to hope and when to hesitate, they oscillate between expectation and despondency, or they are in a state of perpetual perplexity, anxious indeed to expect great things from God, and yet ever afraid to do it.