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VICAR OF EYE, SUFFOLK : AUTHOR OF 'LAW AND GOD'

'Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord'—ISAIAH

'Si on choque les principes de la raison, notre religion sera absurde et ridicule. . . Dieu n'entend pas que nous soumettions notre croyance à lui sans raison, ni nous assujétir avec tyrannie'—*Pensées de PASCAL*

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I Dedicate this Volume

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TO THE

LADY CAROLINE KERRISON

AND

WITHOUT PERMISSION

TO

MY PEOPLE AT EYE

PREFACE.

THE WRITER of these Sermons does not seek to disturb the faith of those, whether they be called High Churchmen or Low Churchmen, whose minds have never been distressed by doubt. The peace of God which they possess rests upon that which is eternal and not upon fluctuating opinion. He seeks to strengthen in the faith of Christ those who have not time for profound investigations, but who still are unable to avoid the influences—hostile to Christianity—which act upon them in their daily life. For his intention he asks to be regarded as a fellow-worker, even by those whose elaborated and completed systems may seem to shame the humble work of one who knows but 'in part.' The former volume was reluctantly presented

to the public ; this is offered with greater confidence. The first was the product of friendly persuasion ; this is given because the writer has the happiness of knowing that he has been of some little service to the cause he loves so well. He has only to say to his critics, whether favourable or not, that he is grateful for the fair and even generous treatment accorded to his earlier essay.

EYE VICARAGE : *October 1876.*