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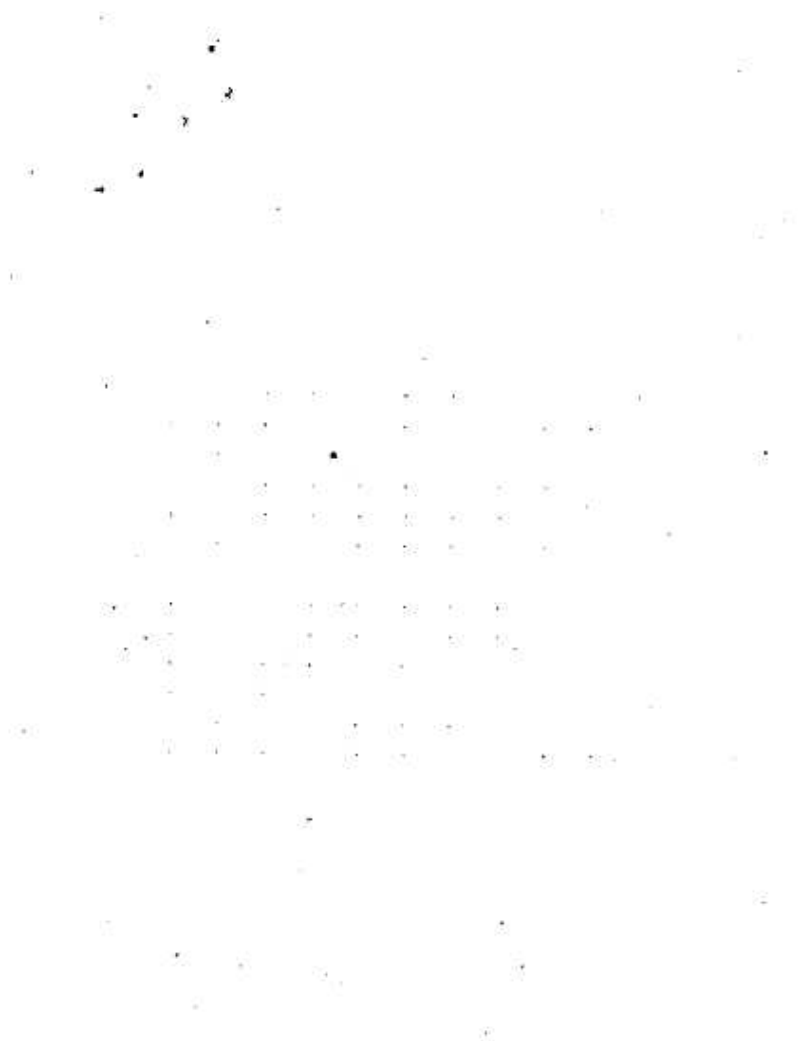
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NOTE.—For the full list of the Miracles of Healing see Chapter I.; where will also be found a table of the Contents of each chapter, with the title or titles of the miracle or miracles discussed therein: e. g. to find the case of the man with a withered hand, refer to Chapter I., where it will be found classed as the fourth miracle discussed in Chapter III. on Paralysis. The student is recommended to read this book throughout; and then, for purposes of reference, to follow the suggestions given in Chapter I.



P R E F A C E

BY THE

AUTHOR OF "NOTES ON THE MIRACLES OF OUR LORD."

I HAVE been asked to prefix a few words of recommendation to a book which, in my judgment, needs none.

No one who reads the following pages will deny the large amount of interesting and instructive matter which the past training and special knowledge of the writer have enabled him to bring to bear on the illustration of the Miracles of our Lord. Questions which others, myself certainly included, have dealt with slightly and superficially, and with the want of a severe accuracy, are here more thoroughly treated by one who speaks with a modesty, and at the same time an acquaintance with the points at issue, and a consequent

authority which, I think, must inspire confidence in all.

I will not refuse myself the pleasure of adding, that the writer was for some years honourably known to me in the diocese of Dublin as doing, at such times as he could rescue from other engagements, the work of an earnest layman in the Church ; until, being drawn still more closely to the Church's work, he was content to relinquish high professional prospects, and to exchange a ministry to the bodies of men for the harder, but more excellent, ministry to their souls.

RICHARD C. DUBLIN.

DUBLIN, *September 4, 1871.*

M I R A C L E S.

MIRACLES OF HEALING.

INTRODUCTION.

IT is a noteworthy fact that no English theological or medical writer has published a work on the **miracles of healing** performed by our blessed Lord, suited to the discoveries of modern medical science, and to the progress of modern thought. And this is the more remarkable, because there is a much closer connexion between medicine and theology in Holy Scripture than between theology and geography, natural history, and so forth.

To say nothing of the Old Testament, the reader of the Evangelical narratives cannot fail to perceive that throughout our Lord's ministry disease is in many instances described as connected with sin; that forgiveness and healing are frequently said to be conveyed