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PREFACE.

THIS little volume contains a series of pastoral addresses. By this I mean such practical exhortations as a pastor, anxious for the moral welfare and culture of the members of his congregation, might address to them on the prevalent temptations, follies and vices of the times. Most of them were thus delivered, and in all the tone of a personal pastoral address is adopted. It will be seen at once that nothing like exhaustive treatment of the important subjects with which they deal is aimed at; but rather direct, pointed, pungent

remonstrance, exhortation and appeal. There is a large proportion of young people in the congregation to which it is my privilege to minister. I always have felt, and always shall feel, a deep and special interest in the young. They have to make the future of our country, and in no small measure the future of the world.

It is an age of special temptation to the young; inasmuch as they enjoy a much larger freedom, and live much more in the full throng of life, than was the case in my young days. These are perilous times for young people. But perilous times after all are great times to live in. If the temptations are many, the helps also will be many. If there is much that is demoralizing, there is much also that is elevating, ennobling, saving, in the very atmosphere of our times. If I can but add a little to the saving element in this atmosphere of our life, and destroy a little of that which is

noxious and degrading, I shall be deeply thankful. On this errand this little pastoral book is sent forth.

J. BALDWIN BROWN.

Kent Villa, Brixton Hill,
Christmas, 1871.