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PREFACE.

The sermons in this volume were preached without notes. They were taken down in shorthand at the time of their delivery, and are printed as they were reported. Their style, therefore, is that of spoken and not written discourse, and does not so easily lend itself to print. Any attempt to change it, however, would have involved not only a difficult but an almost impossible task. Neither would it have been desirable. The chief effectiveness of a sermon is after all the personality of the speaker, and while it is difficult to import this into the printed page, it can be done more fully by preserving than by trying to change the original form of utterance. As sermons therefore and not essays these discourses are printed, and it only remains to be said that the purpose of the author in publishing them is precisely the same as that which he had in preaching them: to try to make men see that even the commonest life has in it something divine, and to help them a little in the midst of their daily affairs to pass from "Things to God."

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