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TO THE MEMORY OF
MY BELOVED AND REVERED
FATHER,

TO WHOSE INSTRUCTION IN EARLY DAYS, AND INFLUENCE THROUGHOUT
HIS LONG AND USEFUL LIFE,

I OWE THE PRINCIPLES WHICH NOW FORM THE BASIS OF MY FAITH AND HOPE,

I DEDICATE THIS TREATISE,

UPON A THEME IN WHICH HE EVER DELIGHTED, AND WHICH FORMED
THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS PREACHING, THE JOY OF HIS LIFE,
AND THE STAY OF HIS SOUL IN DEATH.

P R E F A C E.

C O N F R O N T I N G the traditional and unsophisticated belief of Christendom down to the present century, we have now-a-days the assertions confidently made by scholars, Jewish and Christian, not a few, that the prophecy so called of Isaiah xl.-lxvi. was not written till more than a century after the great Isaiah was dead; that it is not a prophecy, but a picture by a contemporary of the sorrows and hopes of the exile; that the Servant of Jehovah in chapter' liii. does not mean the Messiah at all; and, in a word, that the Old Testament knows nothing of a suffering Messiah. These views, indeed, are by some persons regarded as matters of fact that have passed out of the region of controversy, and that are to be taken for granted as true; and they look upon it as a sign of sheer ignorance to hold any other.

Nothing, it must be allowed, is easier than to adopt these views,—to talk of the supposed Exile author as himself *Abd-Adonai*, "the Servant of Jehovah," to place his prophecy and the Books of Wisdom side by side as equal to anything in previous Jewish literature, and to represent sacrifice as a relic of barbarism giving way to the doctrine of prayer, which in turn may have to give way to the law of invariable sequence. There is much to tempt the ambitious student to embrace these views; they are broad, they are fashionable, they are a sign of culture. They embody a growing tendency on the part of many modern Jews and Christians to join hands at Calvary, by mutually toning down the old austerities alike of Scripture