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PREFACE.

IT is with more diffidence than I can expect to get credit for that I issue this booklet. I have not written a line on the subject of Prophecy since, nearly fifty years ago, I published a book on the Second Advent. My studies since then have lain in a more extended direction. But the successive editions of that book, and the increased attention given to Prophecy, in its bearing on the *time* when the Second Coming of our Lord is to be expected, led to a desire, repeatedly expressed, that I should write something on the Book of Revelation, and, from the other side of the Atlantic, that I should write a commentary on that Book—a thing which I need hardly say I did not listen to for a moment, nor would

I consent to take up my pen on the subject at all. But after repeated solicitations I at length committed myself so far as to write to the able Editor of the *Expositor* that I might try an A B C of the Apocalypse—perhaps promised to do it. Whereupon it was announced as among the subjects on which papers might be expected in the forthcoming years. Yet only after two years did I send a tentative article on the *Date* of the Apocalypse, which was followed up by one on the *Design* of the Apocalypse; after which I got so into the subject that the issue is the present volume.

This is the whole history of the book, and I mention it only that the reader may understand what could have induced one at my age to close my literary work with this subject. On the main lines of the Book of Revelation my mind had long been made up, and is now as decided as ever. As a contribution, therefore, to the understanding of the mind of the Spirit in it, I thought it might be a duty not

to refuse to give others the benefit of my own studies in it, such as they were.

I will only add that oversights may probably be found here and there; but when one is nearly eighty-eight years of age, while his feeble eyesight can receive no aid from artificial light, such things will be pardoned. In fact, should none appear, it is due to the intelligent pains taken upon the proofs in the printing office, which I must here gratefully acknowledge.

March 26th, 1891.

