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TO
EILEEN AND BEECHER
AND
THE CHILDREN OF EMANUEL,
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INTRODUCTION

It is told of Abraham Lincoln that once he was asked to express his opinion of a book of poems, and did so by saying: "These poems will be greatly liked by persons who like poems of this sort." There may have been some veiled sarcasm in that statement—but by no means necessarily so. No poems are liked by all people. It is equally true that every book makes its appeal to certain persons—and having read these Parables, I am constrained to say, and that with no suspicion of sarcasm, they will be greatly loved by people who love stories of this kind. And who are these people? Unquestionably the very "Little People" for whom they are written.

Mr. Ward has written with understanding. He is today conducting one of the most conspicuously successful ministries in London, in the church of which I was minister for four years, twenty years ago. He has a remarkable hold upon his young people; and equally helps the great crowds of busy men and women who throng the sanctuary to the doors. In these Parables we discover something of the secret of his success. Other secrets would be revealed in his preaching and pastoral work. Here he is with the children in the great world of romance, imagination, make-believe; and it is all

so child-like, that a child might have written. That is the greatest charm of the book. Very cleverly too, he gets in his moral, his quiet hint at a lesson to be drawn, without ever seeming to preach. I believe that Mothers everywhere will welcome these Parables for their children; and I am sure the children will get genuine delight in reading them.

G. CAMPBELL MORGAN.

FOREWORD

NEW COURT CHURCH, of which the author is minister, is one of the famous London churches founded in 1662, during the time of the Puritans, and quaint old Richard Baxter was among its early ministers. The original site near Fleet Street is now occupied by the Law Courts, and the present spacious sanctuary has been the sphere of some notable ministers. World-famed men like Dr. Campbell Morgan, Ossian Davies, and A. C. Hill have been its pastors, and of their successor the *British Weekly* says: "That very able young minister at Tollington Park, the Rev. J. W. G. Ward, can gather round him on a hot June evening a congregation which fills his church, even to the farthest window-seats of the galleries. There is a very stimulating earnestness of purpose in Mr. Ward's methods." And these Parables have gained such golden opinions for their originality and charm, that they are published in response to a widely-expressed desire.