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PREFACE.

THE Discourses published in this volume were delivered in Carrs Lane Chapel, Birmingham, on successive Sunday Evenings, at the close of 1870.

The practical illustrations of the eternal principles of morality which constitute the basis of the Decalogue, were suggested by the circumstances of the congregation, which contains very few professional men, not many manufacturers, but a large number of retail tradesmen, a large number of young men and women employed in retail shops, and a still larger number of working people.

It has always seemed to me to be a principal part of the work of a Christian Minister not only to insist on the duty of "repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," but to illustrate in detail the obligations both of private and public morality; and I have felt it right to discuss in the pulpit on the Sunday, all questions affecting the moral life of individuals or of nations, which I knew were being discussed in workshops and at dinner tables during the week.

I have also endeavoured to encourage and strengthen the interest of my congregation in municipal and national politics. It has been justly said that in a free country, the public business of the nation is the private business of every citizen; and I cannot see that the will of God is ever likely to be done on earth as it is done in Heaven, if Christian men do not consider how the law of Christ is to be illustrated in the legislation and policy of the State.

BIRMINGHAM,

April 14, 1871.