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IN MANY CHURCHES OF OUR TIMES,—

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## INTRODUCTION.

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WITH this closing treatise, the series of books on the Divine wisdom, manifested in the processes of Creation and Redemption, is complete. This last book we think the most important of all; and in connection with the preceding volumes, we hope enough has been done to establish the conviction in the minds of thoughtful readers, that the Work of Creation and Redemption is a unity—one chain of Creative Progress, begun when "The Spirit of God brooded upon the face of the waters," creating formative tendencies in material things, and begetting the first life-germs in the primal universal sea,—completed when humanity was crowned by the birth of Christ, and the Divine image was begotten again in believing souls.

It has been pleasant for the author to follow the processes of the Divine thought, as they have man-



ifested themselves in Nature and Revelation; and to seek in the progressive development of the whole sublime scheme, a true apprehension of the plan and purpose of the Creator.

In this last book we endeavor to give an exposition of the ultimate form and force of the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. This doctrine is received in some sense by all Christian sects; yet by many, it is very apparent that the truth is held in form rather than in faith; while none of us have had a sufficiently clear and influential conviction of the dependence of man on the vital operation of the Spirit of God.

The Friends or Quakers have, perhaps, had the most scriptural apprehension of the doctrine in its cardinal principles. But even with them sectarian peculiarities have marred the manifestation of the Divine life. More good would have been done, if reform without needless peculiarities had characterized the life and teaching of the Friends and other reformers of the martyr-period in England. If, instead of discarding music, and other social recreations and enjoyments, the early reformers had aimed to reduce them to happy and beneficent uses, then the

doctrine which they made prominent, that the influence of the Spirit is essential to all true worship, would have been more generally accepted by sincere Christians, and there would have been less of fallacy to restrain the Divine operation, as the central power in the kingdom of God.

In this treatise we have endeavored to set forth the rational and scriptural exposition of inspired teaching concerning the Comforter, and to exhibit the place of the Divine Spirit in the Godhead, and in the work of Gospel progress.

We do not assume to have presented the subject in such form that other minds may not add or subtract from the matters herein stated. We have done what God enabled us to do: and, grateful for the knowledge that our preceding books have been the means of good to many persons in many lands, we here close our labors on the whole subject, with the hope that this volume may add strength and completeness to the impression of the others, and that each reader may gain a clearer apprehension of the Divine character and the Divine operation.

