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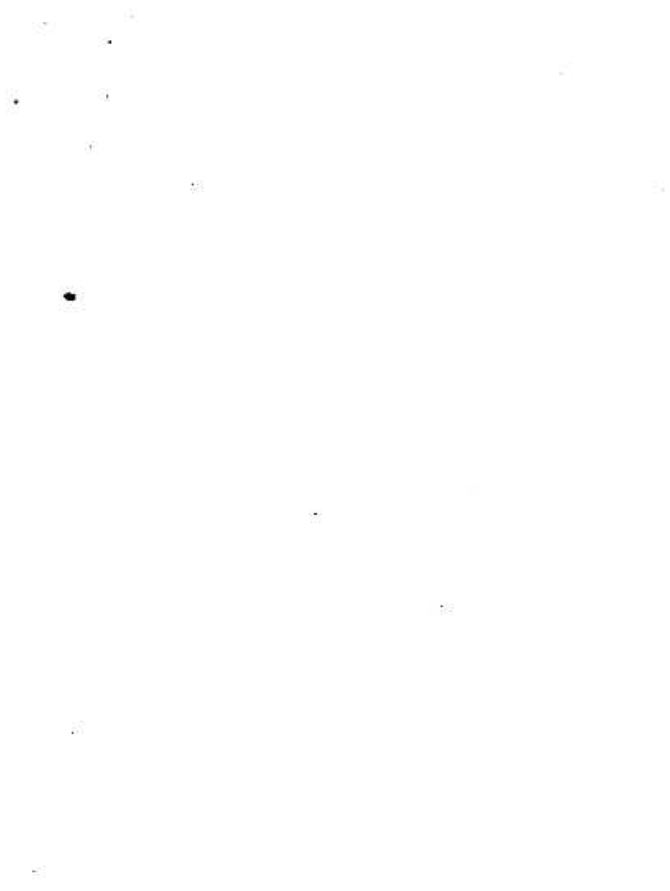
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UNDER THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD,
FOR MANY YEARS
KEPT SO PROMINENTLY BEFORE THE CHURCH,

BY
HIS FAITHFUL AND OBLIGED SERVANT

THE AUTHOR.

TERRACE, KENSINGTON PARK,
July, 1886.



P R E F A C E.

ORIGINALLY delivered as part of a series during Lent of the present year, in the ordinary course of the Author's ministry, the following Lectures were not intended to meet the public eye. Numerous requests, however, having been made that they might be allowed to assume a permanent form, the Author felt it would be a shrinking from duty any longer to decline a request so kindly expressed. Considerable difficulty has attended the execution of the Work, from the fact of their extemporaneous delivery. The original notes were very brief; consequently, memory has had to do its work—whether faithfully or not, it remains for those who heard them to determine. The general outline is preserved, but the filling up in some few cases will be found to differ. A slight difference has also been made in the texts of the third and fourth Lectures; different portions of the passage from St. Jude, but containing the same subjects, have been selected, for the preservation of uniformity. With these exceptions, they will be found to possess as nearly as possible the original form. The series given is complete, so far as it embraces every important sub-

ject connected with the Church's hope, the return of the Lord. In the original series, however, there was a discourse between that on the Millennium and the one on the Post-Millennial Kingdom, on the subject of "Mutual Recognition in the World to Come." As the announced price of the present Work precluded the admission of more than six, this was necessarily omitted; inasmuch as, though interesting, its insertion was not indispensable as regards the completeness of the series.

They are thus sent forth, not to court criticism, but in the hope of their affording instruction to the pious inquirer after truth. The gratifying expressions of the large congregations attending their delivery, while they form a pleasing testimony to the Author, evidence a spirit of inquiry on the subject on which they treat, THE SECOND ADVENT OF THE LORD—which subject, be it ever remembered, is not a matter of opinion, but the object of revelation. Many minor details, usually associated with it, *are* matters of opinion. As far as in him lay, the Author has been careful not rashly to explore any path untrodden—if we may so speak—by the Holy Spirit of God. Thus he trusts he has been kept within the legitimate horizon of God's Word, beyond which all is doubt and uncertainty. Hence no attempt has been made to adapt the minute events of the present day, though confessedly important, with "the writing within or without the prophetic chart." There are, however, signs to which allusion has been made—signs so manifest that few can

miss but read them; not to do so, when gifted with faculties to discern the signs of the sky, would be the characteristic rather of folly than of wisdom.

It is with much pleasure that the Author avails himself of the privilege of inscribing his pages to one who has laboured so long and so earnestly, by the annual Bloomsbury Lectures, &c., to keep alive in the church this great fountain of her hope, *Christ's glorious coming*—though without, by any means, wishing to make him responsible for any particular private views the Work may contain.

May the Great Head of the Church be pleased to bless this humble effort to the glory of His name and the benefit of fallen man, by His Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven!

KENNINGTON PARK,

July 10th, 1855.