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DEDICATORY LETTER.

MY DEAR CANON WESTCOTT,—

Ten years ago, when I had the happiness of being your colleague at Harrow, you preached in the School Chapel a sermon which exercised a very powerful influence not only on my imagination, but also, I hope, by God's blessing, on my views of life. At the request of some who heard it, you printed—although you did not consent to publish—that sermon. But even after the lapse of ten years I should not require the printed page to recall the outline of the thoughts about "Disciplined Life" which you then wished to impress upon your youthful audience.

To that sermon is mainly due the present little volume. If by the blessing of Him without whose blessing all efforts are vain, any good results have followed from the delivery of these Lectures, or should follow from their publication, you will perhaps be reminded of the ancient promise, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

This is the reason why I could not do otherwise than ask you to let me allow myself the pleasure of connecting your name with a volume in no way worthy of such an honour, except from the fact that it breathes sincere convictions on the subjects with which it deals, and that those convictions are, at any rate in their main outlines, in sympathy with your own.

It would be presumption on my part to speak of the debt of gratitude which, in common with the whole Church, I owe to your writings; but let me here thankfully record the yet deeper personal debt which I owe to your influence

and example during the years when we worked together. You then sowed the germ from which this little book has sprung, and you, at least, will receive with kindness any portion, however trivial, of ripened grain. If the ears be thin, and if there be scarlet poppies amid the corn, others will set it down, not to the sowing, but to the inherent poverty of the soil on which the good seed fell;—

*"Grandia saepe quibus mandavimus hordea sulcis
Infelix lolium et steriles nascuntur avenae."*

I am,

My dear Westcott,

Very sincerely yours,

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" The old order changeth, giving place to the new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

TENNYSON, *Morte d'Arthur*.

"As princes, after certain periods, change the emblems on their coins, choosing sometimes the lion, at others stars or angels, for the die, and endeavouring to give a higher value to the gold by the striking character of the impression, so God has made piety assume these novel and varied forms of life, like so many new characters, to awaken the admiration not only of the disciples of the faith, but also of the unbelieving world."—
THEODORET. *Hist. Rel.* 25 (ap. NEANDER, *Ch. Hist.* iii. 345).