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TO
THE CONGREGATION
OF
Trinity Church, Washington, D. C.,

FOR WHOSE INSTRUCTION
THESE PAGES WERE PREPARED,

AND
AT WHOSE REQUEST THEY ARE DELIVERED,

This little Book is inscribed,

WITH FULL GRATITUDE

FOR THEIR UNFAILING KINDNESS,

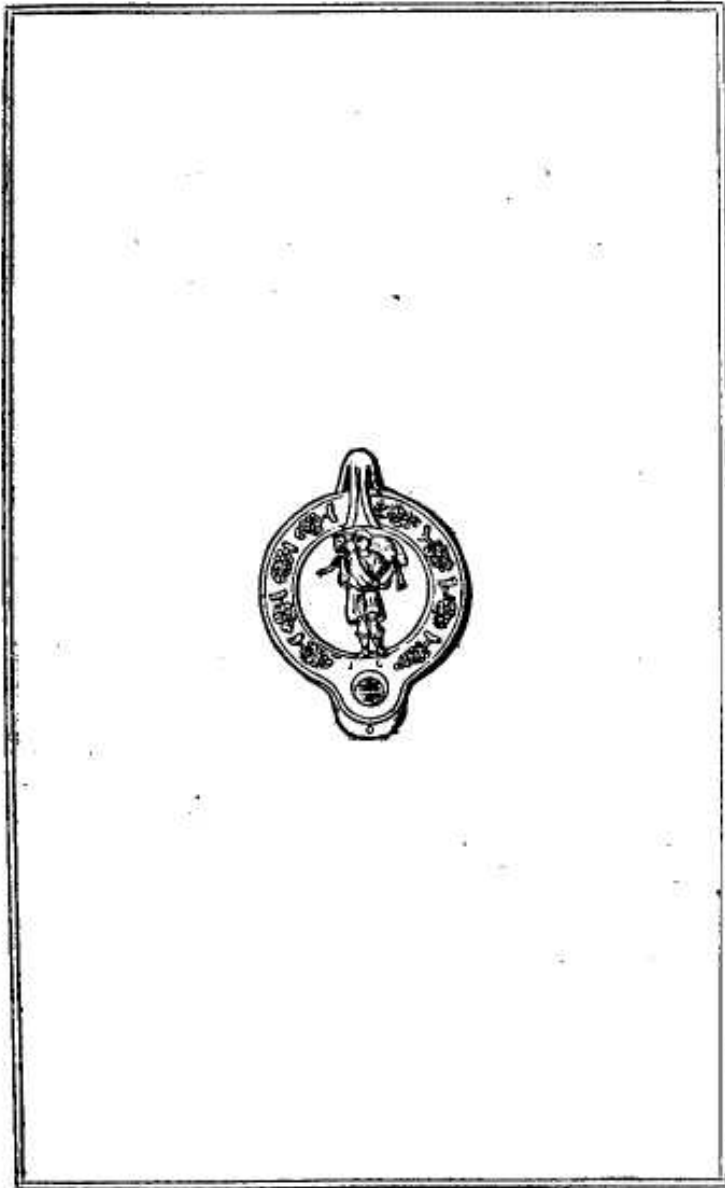
AND WITH EARNEST PRAYERS THAT THEY MAY
LIVE, BE GUIDED INTO AND SANCTIFIED THROUGH

ALL THE TRUTH AS IT IS IN JESUS,

BY THEIR AFFECTIONATE

FRIEND AND PASTOR,

C. M. BUTLER.





THE following little work is, with slight changes and additions, the substance of four Discourses recently delivered to the author's congregation. Few words will suffice to explain the reasons which have induced the writer to commit them to the press.

His vestry and congregation have requested that they may have them in a permanent form.

They have been, in some cases, misunderstood and misrepresented—unintentionally, the author is willing to believe—in the community in which they were delivered.

The frank and emphatic declaration of the sentiments of this work, in a form permanent, public, and accessible to all, the writer considers to be peculiarly necessary in the field he occupies, to remove misapprehension with regard to the Church, and to commend her to the respectful

consideration of persons who come to the capital from remote parts of the country, whose prejudices against our Church is the result of such misapprehension.

This frank and emphatic declaration is made, moreover, because the writer believes that the true strength and efficiency of moderate Churchmanship, will be found to consist, not in a timid, apologetic, hesitating confession, but in the open avowal of an undoubting belief, that while Episcopacy is an Apostolic and divine institution, Church privileges and blessings may be enjoyed, and individual Christian character grow up into maturity, without it. Let us glory in this admission, as being in precise accordance with the spirit of the gospel and the Master, and not stammer out the confession, as if we were afraid or ashamed to make it, and we shall, at once, take strong hold of the sound Christian sense and sentiment of the country, within and without our own communion.

And lastly, the writer has been the more willing to send forth this little work, because it is his purpose to develop the views here presented on the subject of the Church and Ministry in a