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PREFACE.

THIS volume is a companion to one entitled *Confessing Christ: A Manual for Inquirers in Religion*, published several years ago, and, like that, has been prepared mainly in reference to the wants of the author's own congregation. A pastor whose solitudes for the welfare of his flock have run parallel with a lifetime may naturally extend those solitudes beyond the period in which his voice is to be heard, and may find in them a sufficient reason for desiring to leave behind him a legacy of affectionate counsel. The hope that what was designed to be a help to

a particular community may also serve as a guide to earnest souls in other communities who are seeking to follow Christ, has led to the offering of this volume to the public.

NATCHEZ PARSONAGE, May 1, 1884.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY.

AS the Scriptures employ the phrase "confessing Christ" to describe the assuming of a religious character and life, they very naturally employ the corresponding phrase "following Christ" to describe the exhibition of such a character and the prosecution of such a life. In adopting religion under the direction of the Bible, a man attaches himself to Christ; in practicing religion under the same direction, he follows Christ. We may be thankful that a procedure so critical in its nature, and so momentous in its bearings and issues as this latter one must needs be, has been set before us by God in terms so simple and intelligible. Jesus constructed no formal system of