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SEEKING THEN THAT WE HAVE SUCH HOPE, WE USE  
GREAT PLAINNESS OF SPEECH.  
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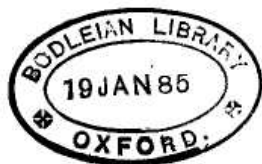
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## P R E F A C E .

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No question more momentous than that briefly discussed in the following pages can arise, for the point really at issue is no less than the whole future destiny of our race.

The last quarter of a century has seen a most significant change in the minds of our contemporaries on this question. On every side the old belief in endless torment is passing away; and though it may be enforced on rare occasions in the pulpit, it no longer commands the acceptance of the majority of thoughtful men anywhere.

But while we hail with joy this awakening, we must remember that the void thus left in our Creed requires to be filled up. We have to build as well as to destroy. The old belief in pain without end in Hell has lost its power. What shall take its place? Has the Church no clear and definite message on this all-important point?

The following pages aim at showing that the true answer to this enquiry is to be found in the teaching of Scripture (whose supreme authority we fully recognise), as to the assured and absolute victory of JESUS CHRIST; as to the boundless nature of His empire over all souls. To bring honour to His Cross; to exalt His work of Redemption, as destined one day to restore all things, and thus to reconcile

our Creed with the deepest convictions of our moral nature, this is the true meaning of the larger Hope, and not, as so many seem to believe, a desire to make light of sin, to explain away its penalties, or to paint God as a Being weakly tolerant of evil.

In this volume will be, I hope, found a recognition clear and emphatic of the guilt of sin and its assured punishment; nay, it will, I trust, be shewn how, in fact, the larger hope, more fully than any other view, recognises the true evil of sin, and assigns to the Divine penalties their true end.

And so I send forth these pages, claiming for their contents little or no originality, but trusting that in them will be found reasons\* clear and Scriptural for this as the true hope of the Gospel, the actual redemption and restoration, not of some men, but of mankind; not of some things, but of all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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\* I have not presumed to say or to discuss what God, in the abstract, can or cannot, will or will not do. The argument here employed is simply this. God has both in His unwritten revelation of HIMSELF to our moral sense, and in His written Word, declared distinctly against the doctrine of endless torment.



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