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TO THE RT. REVEREND FATHER IN GOD,  
**GREGORY THURSTON BEDELL, D.D.,**  
THIRD BISHOP OF OHIO.

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MY VENERATED BROTHER: To you I dedicate these Lectures, with feelings of tender fraternal regard, thanking God that you and your amiable consort survive to watch successive products of the Lectureship of which you are co-founders. May those which I now lay before you prove acceptable in some humble proportion, as those of my predecessors have been in such high degree.

Here, amid the shades of Kokosing, in the house so long your home, and where you once so hospitably received me, I have enjoyed the hospitalities of our younger

brother in the Episcopate, to whom you resigned your cares, and who has entered into your labours with energy and with marked abilities for his great work. Need I say how constantly your name and that of Mrs. Bedell have been upon his lips and those of his family and his guests, as everything about us has suggested some grateful remark? As I looked over the scene from my windows, in the kindly light of the "summer of All-Saints"—the embracing river far below, the woods around still heavy with their foliage in autumnal colours, and the opening which discloses the distant spire—or when I heard the chiming bells send forth their music as a call to prayer, I have felt that your spirit, as well as your personal history, is here enshrined in meet memorials. Long may it be so, if, indeed, the world itself is destined to any long duration. But how little this concerns us, who look for new heavens and a new earth, and who cherish a trembling hope



for the Master's gracious judgment and award. May we, with all those who have kept the Faith, receive together an abundant entrance into that glory which shall be revealed through our blessed Redeemer. Let me commend myself and my diocese to your prayers and benediction, as, my Rt. Reverend brother,

Yours in Christ,

A. CLEVELAND COXE,

Bishop of Western New York.

KOKOSING, November 5, 1891.



## PREFATORY.

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THESE Lectures were delivered in the chapel of Kenyon College, on the 3d and 4th of November, 1891. But they have been subsequently revised, abridged in some portions and enlarged in others: a measure to which I was prompted by the recent appearance of able works that rendered some of my own endeavours less needful, and made room for the admission of fresh material more likely to be useful. Three sentences which I borrow from Dr. Pusey's learned work on "Daniel" might be taken as mottoes for my Lectures, as follows: (1) "It seems to be almost a principle with some to hold what is assailed to