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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

MUCH of the interest and power of the Bible is lost by an exclusive textual preaching and by fragmentary reading in verses or chapters.

We gain greatly by comprehensive views of one of its books or of one of its lives, and by reading therein the lessons for all time for which the record has been preserved. In the study of the inspired Word the microscope alone should not be used; the telescope brings to light beautiful and surprising discoveries.

Among the human lives of the Bible, that of Elijah stands on a peculiar plane. It is

clothed with an interest in its simple story and in its suggestive instructions which is unapproachable by any other.

My object in this volume is to exhibit the biography itself in a clear and connected form; to deduce three of the most important series of permanent lessons for which, it seems to me, it was embalmed in the sacred Book; and to analyze the character of the man in order to ascertain wherein he should be a model for us all.

I hope the work will be found adapted not merely to Christians of advanced age, but to Sabbath-school members. The plot and incidents of a story pervade the scriptural narrative sufficiently to interest those whose taste has been unhappily developed in such a way as to receive entertainment and instruction only through the form of the novel; while its profounder revelations of God, of nature, of humanity, of redemption, cannot be exhausted by the lifelong

study of the most advanced and thorough student.

It is not surprising that so much has been written and published in reference to this great and prominent character. But I am not aware that it has before been dealt with in the form which I have here adopted, or that it has been brought to bear upon modern life in the manner in which I employ it. Hence I venture to send the treatise forth with the prayer that the Spirit of God will bless it to the development of a type of piety which is greatly needed in our day and our land.

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