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I avow myself a worshipper of the Bible in much the same sense that some of the rigidly scientific in these days are worshippers of the works of nature. The words of prophets and apostles are not, in my judgment, essentially different from the words of the Lord Jesus. They are, therefore, "Spirit and life;" they can be nothing else, for they are the words of the Holy Spirit. In the preparation of this little volume, consequently, I have drawn with a free hand upon the Scriptures of Truth as the source of evidence and instruction; and it is hoped that by those into whose hands it may come it will be found lustrous, like the moon and the Christian PREFACE.

church, with light borrowed from the Book of which the Hymnist says-

> " It gives a light to every age, It gives, but borrows none."

While engaged in its composition, I have been impressed with two things :---

(1.) That the work necessarily reveals the worker; and,

(2.) That in the Bible the Spirit is delightfully communicative concerning Himself and His mission.

Owing partly to the limited space at disposal, there are departments and aspects of the Divine Spirit's work on which I have not bestowed a single glance. I have confined myself to dealing with what I would term the central part of the Spirit's work, or that part of it with which we are personally concerned, and which has a practical bearing on the individual soul. I trust that what has been advanced in connection with the

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various points discussed is largely pervaded by an element of "sweet reasonableness," and that I have so written as to bring myself and my labours within the gracious sweep of the promise expressed in these words—"Them that honour me I will honour."

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