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PREFACE.

ONLY six of these sermons (III. to VIII.) were delivered as a consecutive course. The others were preached at various times, and are only connected by their general subject.

Consequently there may be found in the volume certain repetitions of statement and even some repetitions of language. I have made no attempt to eliminate such repetitions ; first, because those who heard the sermons will desire to read them, as far as may be, in their original form ; and secondly, because I wish to avoid the pretension of putting forth anything like a digested treatise on Christian worship.

The sermons must be taken simply as an example of the way in which a busy parish priest calls his congregation to join him in studying a fundamental subject of religion, using materials ready to hand, and accessible to all.

I have tried to furnish my hearers with such references as should guard them against prevalent misconceptions about the teaching and

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practice of the Primitive Church, and should enable them to distinguish between that which is Mediæval, and that which is Catholic.

I have spoken throughout from the standpoint of an English Churchman who believes in the living entity and spiritual competence of his Church, and acknowledges without *arrière pensée* the authority of the incomparable Book of Common Prayer.

W. A. W.

ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE,
MARGARET STREET, W.
September 20th, 1899.

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WORSHIP IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

I.

THE FUNDAMENTAL RULE OF WORSHIP.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."—*Exodus*, xx. 4, 5.

IF we are to worship aright, we must worship the right person, and we must worship Him in the right way.

If we do not worship the right person, we break the first commandment.

If we worship the right person but do not worship Him in the right way, we break the second commandment.

Both of these commandments, interpreted in the spirit rather than in the letter, are for all