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TO
MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW-WORKERS
THE DEACONS
OF PARK CHAPEL, CROUCH END
WHETHER ON THIS SIDE, OR ON THAT SIDE THE VEIL
WHOSE LOVE AND LOYALTY HAVE NEVER FAILED
ME DURING A PASTORATE EXTENDING OVER
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS



FOREWORD

THESE sermons were preached in the ordinary course of my ministry, and are now published in the hope of wider usefulness. They do not deal with theological or ecclesiastical problems, but with various phases of Christian experience. Although they are independent of each other, they have been arranged with some regard to orderly sequence, so that this book may have unity.

We begin with an acknowledgment that all the gifts and graces with which we are crowned are from God, and that any recompense for serving Him, whether here or hereafter, is due to His boundless generosity. This is followed by a delineation of some of the graces which accompany the development of the spiritual life, and constitute the true test of character. Our daily associations, in which the sacred and the secular are blended, provide for their cultivation and display in the sweetness of home, and amid the temptations of business, however lowly our lot may be. Then, looking beyond ourselves, we