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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.



THE line of thought which I have endeavoured to work out in this little Treatise originally formed the basis of four Sermons which I preached in St. Mark's Church, Battersea Rise, London, during Advent of 1892.

Several gentlemen of the congregation expressed a very strong wish that these Sermons should be printed, and feeling that they might, perhaps, be helpful to some who are earnest students of God's truth, I promised, with some diffidence, to comply with their request.

When, however, I set myself to put the manuscripts into shape for the printer, I became conscious of how much I had been obliged to curtail the subject in order to adapt it to the pulpit.

This seemed regrettable, and further consideration prompted me to abandon the idea of publishing these thoughts as Sermons, and in place thereof to put forth this little work.

An advantage has, I think, been gained. All that the Sermons contain is embodied in this Treatise, while an opportunity has been thus afforded me of making my exposition more exhaustive and connected.

My friends must pardon me in being so slow to redeem my promise. The duties of a busy ministerial life leave little leisure for literary effort.

I would wish the reader not to consider the views herein expressed as being the outcome of a few months' reflection. They are the result of convictions which have been growing and maturing within me for a period of twenty years or more.

There is one circumstance in connection with the publication of this work to which I cannot refrain from alluding.

Two highly-esteemed friends (the one a clergyman of our Church, and the other a devout layman) greatly encouraged me as I penned these pages.

Absolutely convinced, as I am, of the truth of

what I have set forth, there have been occasions when I have felt inclined to shrink from a task which may expose me to the criticisms of some whose disposition is to pre-judge and condemn anything with which they are not altogether familiar. At such times of hesitancy these two friends said: "Go on; you are writing for those who want to know the truth."

My task was still unfinished when I spoke, beside their open graves, the words of Resurrection and Life.

They are in that Unseen-World, about which, for years, we had so often, and so earnestly, conversed.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

February, 1894.

PREFACE TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD EDITION.



THE Seventy-third Edition of this little book differs from the previous editions, inasmuch as I have made certain revisions, and added an Appendix on two very important subjects.

A few prefatory remarks will not, therefore, I think, be out of place.

The *main* topic of the treatise has not been altered. Concerning that, further earnest thought and study of the Scriptures have not led me to withdraw, or to modify, anything I wrote eight years ago.

Consequently, the Propositions and Deductions as to our existence after death are set forth in this reprinted edition in the form in which they appeared in all the foregoing editions.

Of their truth, and agreement with the teaching of the Bible, I am more thoroughly convinced (if that be possible) than when the work at first left my hands. But the reader who has read one of the former editions of this book and now reads this one, will be sure to detect that my mind has undergone a great and important change on one point. He will see that my conception of the final outcome of God's grand Purpose of Salvation is different from what it was. It has