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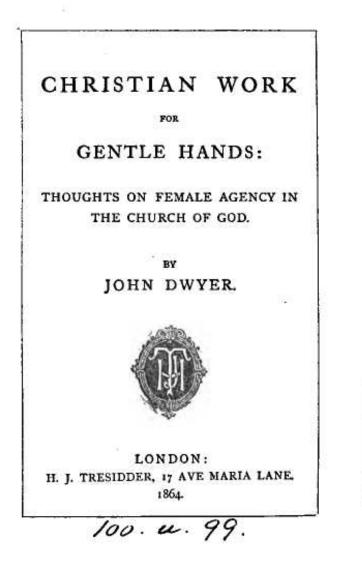
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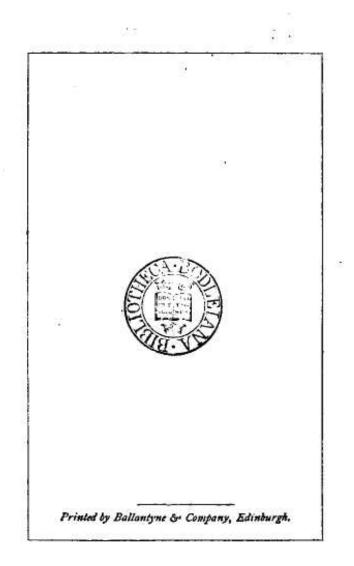
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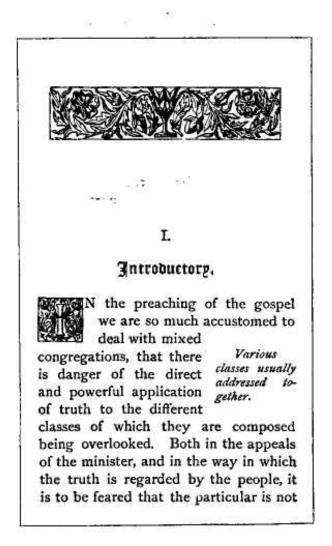
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unfrequently lost in the general—that Dangers connected with it. in endeavouring to do good to all, few or none may, in some cases, be really or permanently benefited. So far as this may be the case, it is matter of serious regret; and it must be admitted that some effort should be made to remedy the defect. Perhaps something might be accomplished by modify-

Topics of Pulpit Teaching. ing the topics dwelt upon in the pulpit, so as to make its teachings more practical in their tendency,

with a fuller application of the Word of God to the ordinary relations and affairs of life. The conviction is in many minds that, if this were done—not by the introduction of a slang phraseology, which we would exclude from our social circles, and which we would not suffer to pollute our children's lips, but—by the discussion of topics of common interest in a dignified and scriptural, but

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easy and familiar, style, its popular and effective influence would be immensely increased. But, however this may be, the press is open; and, through the channel thus The Press.

supplied, the dangers and duties, the pursuits and privileges of each class in the community, as they affect each member in the Church of Christ, may be discussed freely, and with advantage.

If there is a class which, more than another, is passed over, so

far as public addresses furnish a criterion by which to judge, it is

Females usually passed over.

the *female* portion of the Church's membership. To others, special attention is frequently directed. To men, the weight of public instruction is addressed; and young men are often singled out for useful and important counsel; while sermons are preached even to children with happy effect. This is not matter for regret, but for sincere satisfaction.

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