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THIS VOLUME
IS GRATEFULLY INSCRIBED TO THE REVERED MEMORY
OF TWO OF THE MOST UPRIGHT
AND ENLIGHTENED MEN OF THEIR GENERATION
THE LATE LORD CHANCELLOR HATHERLEY
AND
SIR JOHN HERSCHEL, BART.
TO WHOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COUNTENANCE THE UTILISATION
OF THE LAST TWENTY YEARS OF MY LIFE
HAS BEEN MAINLY DUE.

PREFACE

THE following Discourses and Addresses were written during the intervals of an absorbing profession. Nevertheless they are not to be regarded merely as recreations sought for in a change of work, but rather as indications of the spontaneous undertones of a thoughtful life.

The audiences to which they were originally addressed were, generally speaking, circumscribed, such as meetings of the British Association and of Church Congresses, but to some troubled minds among them they are said to have been helpful. For the most part they touch upon subjects which appertain to all time, and they possess an interest for all men. It is under the above circumstances that these Discourses and Addresses, heretofore scattered, have been collected, and are now presented to a wider class of readers.