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PREFACE.

THE subject of this year's Lenten Sermons is not only of the deepest interest in itself, but it has a most direct bearing upon the special needs and temptations of the present times. For it is one great temptation of the day to forget that with the Church of all ages she, too, is the inheritor of that "spirit of prophecy which is the testimony of Jesus." Nothing can more give her boldness in dealing with all truth, breadth of view to contemplate without shrinking all God's counsel and God's ways, and unflinching courage to stand for Him before a hostile world, than a thorough realization of the great truth that she does possess this prophetic gift. The Sermons in this volume can, I think, scarcely be read with care without their awakening this conviction: may it please God to arouse, strengthen, and quicken it.

I cannot this year finish these prefatory remarks without remembering that I shall not again preside over the preaching of these Lenten Sermons, or select their subjects or their preachers, and I cannot remember this without desiring to

thank thus publicly those who year by year have helped me with these Sermons. The days we have spent together each year at Cuddesdon, in prayer and consultation for their preparation, have been amongst the happiest of my life. To the preachers who have freely helped me, men of the highest station and of the greatest gifts in the Church, I return my cordial thanks for their ready aid. I believe that in many ways and to many souls these Sermons have been eminently blessed, and I pray God to return to all who have taken part in the work blessings of His Fatherly mercy for what they have thus rendered to Him.

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