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"The Lord reigneth."—PSALM xciii.

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P R E F A C E.

THE basis of the following little work was a lecture delivered in Exeter Hall by request of that excellent Institution, the "Young Men's Christian Association." It was found impossible to present more than a sketch or outline in a lecture. The present treatise is an attempt to fill up the outline, by embodying in it facts, and incidents and occurrences, necessarily omitted, or briefly alluded to, in the lecture. The subject is an intensely interesting one—rich in suggestive illustrations, and practical in so far as it comes home to the bosom and business of every man.

The author has avoided introducing subjects on which his mind is fully made up, but on which there is much difference of opinion

among good and wise men. It was his design, and it is his desire, to point out the presence of God rather in facts acknowledged by all, than in discussions raised on those facts by conflicting parties. While some see in such facts accidents—others party principles—others ill-nature, intrigue, treachery—he sees, and thinks others who look at them impartially will also see *in* them or *over* them the presence of God. While many would drive out of the world the idea of God, there are increasing numbers who see, and recognize, and proclaim His presence with growing earnestness and extasy. To the author it appears that all things are casting light on Christianity, or rather verging toward that point in the long continued procession, at which what is now believed will be seen—namely, that Creation, Providence and Revelation are all of One and to One, who is God over all.

TO

R. C. L. BEVAN, ESQ.

DEAR SIR,

You did me and the Association the honour of presiding at the meeting in Exeter Hall when the outline of this little work was given in the form of a lecture.

Your apparent approbation of its general tone—your deep interest and personal sacrifices in the cause of the Christian improvement and progress of the young, and your never failing sympathy with the interests of eternal truth, as well as your generous contributions to its claims, render it alike appropriate and in itself gratifying to me to dedicate this little treatise to you.

I have the honour to remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours, ever faithfully,

THE AUTHOR.

October 1, 1849.

