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TO THE MEMORY  
OF  
**John Greenleaf Adams**  
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BY HIS SON.

## PREFACE.

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THIS volume is presented in the belief that there are still readers who find pleasure and profit in sermons. It is addressed first of all to those who share, with the congregations to whom these discourses have been spoken, the larger faith in the power, the patience, and the victorious persistence of the Divine Love. That system of religious thought which grows out of this belief in the invincible love of the Father, working with the deliberateness, and the calm of omnipotence toward its triumph in the salvation of all souls, involves a new view of life. It presents new incentives to duty. It suggests new interpretations of discipline. It casts new lights of hope and comfort on life's disasters. These various studies upon themes related to the belief in the final triumph of good seek to frame a theory of faith and life upon the "glad tidings,"—not in any exact or formal way, but by suggestion and illustration. It is hoped



that they may serve, not only to deepen the spiritual life of those who cherish that belief, but also to commend it to many who cannot yet trust implicitly in the unconquerable Love.

One or two passages have been transferred by the author from an earlier volume to these pages, where they appear in their original setting, and where they may serve to reach a larger circle and to illustrate a broader argument.

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