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TO THE
REV. GEORGE SALMON, D.D.,
REGIUS PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY IN THE UNIVERSITY
OF DUBLIN,
THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS DEDICATED
BY
THE AUTHOR,
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF UNFAILING KINDNESS
DURING HIS UNIVERSITY CAREER,
AND IN TOKEN OF
THE HIGHEST RESPECT AND ESTEEM.

P R E F A C E .

IT has been my intention in the following work to inquire into the condition of man's spirit after death, and to do so independently, if possible.

I have tried to avoid dogmatizing upon a subject into which we can only see "as through a glass, darkly;" but by simple deduction from the glimpses we obtain of it in Holy Writ, and by comparing the probable future with what is or has been already ordered in God's universe around us, to set before the believer's mind a happier, because more distinct forecast than is common, of that which is to be hereafter.

To argue with those who disbelieve in a

future life, or who are not prepared to abide by anything which has been divinely revealed to man, has not been my purpose. It is to Christian believers, in the proper sense of the term, that I address myself; and, therefore, the reader's attention will be directed to two distinct questions, viz. (*a*) the condition of the spirit in its disembodied state succeeding death, and (*b*) the condition of the same spirit in eternity after its reunion with the body. The former of these, as involving the present position of all who have lived and died since the creation of man, necessitates some reference to modern so-called Spiritualism or "Spiritism;" the latter naturally introduces observations upon other spiritual beings, both good and evil. Each will be found to have an important bearing upon the main inquiry of the book.

For the rest I need hardly add more by way

of preface. But if the contents of this little volume should prove a source of comfort to any whom Divine grace, working through this world's trials, has led to draw their happiness of mind more from the prospect of the life to come than from this present life, I may say that one object of writing it will have been effected ; and that such may be the result is the author's earnest prayer.

A. R. H.

Bedford, Easter, 1877.

