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TO THE READER.

You will find in this little book two sermons; the first by Rev. Dr. Channing, the second by Rev. Dr. Dewey. They both relate to the same subject;—perhaps the most solemn subject to which man can give his thoughts.

In relation to it, as you are well aware, the Christian world has entertained a variety of opinions. Some divines have preached the doctrine of an outward, material cause

of suffering to follow wrong-doing; others have taught a retribution which flows from the laws of the soul itself. Some divines believe that the future agonies of the transgressor will be infinite in duration; while to others it seems that such a statement provokes doubt, and tempts to a rejection of a sure faith in any coming retribution, and therefore they prefer to leave this subject where they think the Bible leaves it, affirming that sin and suffering are linked together, — that the latter must be endured till the former is forsaken and loathed; and that we know not in what periods of duration such transformations may be effected with those who have been hardened against all the gracious calls and hopes of this life.

The two eminent men above named agree

in maintaining the second view here discriminated. You are not asked to read their words, however, for any controversial purpose. You will at once see that these sermons were written with a far different design. In the presence of the fearful realities even of the milder views of retribution, controversy seems impossible. Too solemn and too awful is the subject for you to waste your time in disputation. Rather may you feel like taking this book with you to your chamber of retirement, and there pondering its lessons even unto prayer.

More than twenty years ago, the writer of this heard the first of the following sermons preached in the college chapel, at Cambridge. Of the hundreds of young men then assembled, no one will ever forget

the lessons of that hour. May God give to the readers of this sermon impressions as solemn and admonitory as are still left on many minds, even after the lapse of so many years.

H. A. M.

Boston, July, 1854.

THE EVIL OF SIN.

BY

REV. WILLIAM E. CHANNING, D. D.