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INTRODUCTION.

If there is one feature of our times beyond others, that especially claims our attention, it is certainly that which gives fulness of expression and intenseness of meaning to the words, "*Surely I come quickly.*" This feature of our times, we think, we find in the many words and works that are reaching us from all quarters, in testimony not only to the pre-millennial advent of The Bridegroom, but also to the *imminence* of that coming.

The reader is here presented with another contribution thereto, and we wish him expressly to bear in mind that, as we have not written dogmatically, so neither have we written exhaustively, but *suggestively only*; and wherein we have failed to make clear our points, or seem to have spoken offensively to any, we shall be glad to give such explanation, or make such reparation, as may seem desirable.

We have written *not* to promote reasoning upon, but to provoke readiness for, that coming. We are more concerned to discover truth, and to enforce it practically, than to establish favourite theories—our own or other men's; and to our thinking, the day is too far spent to waste time in attempts to reconcile opposing theories.

To devout, earnest, and intelligent readers, then, we would say, If our lines of thought agree to any extent with your own, let us be mindful that "a man can receive nothing except it be given him of God." "Whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing; and if in anything we be

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PREFACE.

"If any one is confident of knowing anything, he knows it not yet as he ought to know" (1 Cor. viii. 2, E.D.); for, at best, "we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect—the Perfect One—is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Now we see through a glass darkly." (1 Cor. xiii. 9, 10, 12.) Yet "this have I found, saith the Preacher, weighing one thing after another to find out the reason." (Eccles. vii. 27, marginal reading.)

"We having the same spirit of faith according as it is written: I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." (2 Cor. iv. 13.) But, in all we have written we write only *suggestively*, seeking to excite thought and inquiry in devout minds, at the same time that we warn the unthoughtful and undevout, believing that as this age closes and the age of blessedness approaches, fresh light will break forth from the written Word.

For while to the seer in Babylon it was said, "Go thy way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed *till the time of the end*" (Dan. xii. 9); to the seer in Patmos it was said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written in this book, *for the time is at hand*." (Rev. i. 3.)

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