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*THE*  
*REASONABLENESS OF FAITH.*

**This little Book**

IS AFFECTIONATELY AND RESPECTFULLY

Inscribed

BY

ANDREW JAMES SYMINGTON

TO

HIS FRIEND

**The Rev. William Henry Habergal, M.A.**

*Incumbent of Sharehill, & Hon. Can. of Worcester Cathedral, &c.*

WHO,

In his life-long example, gospel teaching, and pastoral work,  
realizes Chaucer's description of

**The Good Parson:**

One who, while acknowledged to be the most learned Ecclesiastical Musician, the greatest Psalmist of this generation, and the highest critical authority on all such subjects, has invariably subordinated genius, talents and varied accomplishments, to the work of the Christian Ministry, and the faithful and laborious discharge of Parish duties; caring, like the great Master and Exemplar our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the bodies as well as the souls of men; and one who, thus largely and singularly honoured of God in being enabled to provide pure, noble, and fitting

**SERVICES OF PRAISE**

for the Church below, has also been yet more highly honoured and blessed in the knowledge—according with his earnest desire, prayer and constant endeavour—that many hearts both at home and abroad have, through his instrumentality and influence, been attuned for singing

**The New Song**

IN THE MANSIONS ABOVE.

IN MEMORIAM.

THE dear friend, to whom these pages are inscribed, was peacefully called home to his rest, at noon, on April 19th, when the sheet containing the foregoing dedication had already been a month in type. It has been left unaltered, as an expression of deep regard and a faint tribute of admiration for one who being dead yet speaketh, and whose memory is blessed.

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A. J. S.





## P R E F A C E .

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THIS letter, addressed to honest and earnest seekers after truth, was originally written to a friend, in order to meet and remove certain current phases of modern doubt bearing on that momentous question with which every one of us has to deal, viz : "What must I do to be saved?"

Considerably enlarged, and with copious selections of Scripture passages added, it is now published in the humble hope that, by the blessing of God, it may prove instrumental in leading some readers—even although it were only one—to the cross of Him who still invites us, saying, "COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

A. J. S.

April 1870.

*"Faith strikes the key-note, Reason then  
Fills up the full-toned chord."*