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"But we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially
of those that believe."

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TO MY BIBLE-CLASS,
WITH MY LOVE

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When man at length his ideal height hath gained,
So that the heavenly kingdom is attained,
Will there be any room for tears and pain,
For dim grey twilights, sobbing wind, and rain,
Mist, wreaths, and flying clouds, the thunder's roar,
Or the sea breaking on a lonely shore,
With all the yearnings these things shadow forth ?
Is the pathetic minor but for earth,
And will the heavens resound with joy alone,
Though sadness often makes a deeper tone ?
Must all of life fall off that cannot show
Some fruit that did to full perfection grow ?
The tottering steps, the pause, even the fall,
Will not eternal life have room for all ;
And in the circle of Infinity
Must not all moods of life unfolded lie,
But all complete,—the weak within the strong,
And the one verse become a perfect song ;
The bud, the blossom, the fruit-laden bough,
Seen by the light of the eternal *now* ?
May not all discords to one concord lead—
Whose every missing note would leave a need
Deep, unimagined as a world untrod—
An infinite harmony whose name is God ?

P R E F A C E.

THE main object of this book is to encourage those who "faintly trust the larger hope" to commit themselves to it wholly and fearlessly, by shewing them that they have ample warrant for it in the Scriptures of the New Testament.

For more than twenty years I have held, and preached, the views advocated in these Lectures; but, in their present form, they were delivered to my Bible-Class only last Winter. Now my Bible-Class is one of which any man might be proud. It consists of more than a hundred-and-fifty members, men and women. Three or four of them are good Biblical scholars, versed in Greek and Hebrew; a large proportion of them, thanks to our Grammar Schools and High Schools, have some slender acquaintance with their Greek Testaments: and all, or nearly all, of them are accustomed to study the sacred Scriptures

with intelligence and devotion. At the close of each Lecture I invited the frankest statement of difficulties and objections,—an invitation which provoked a very frank and eager response. Some of the discussions which ensued were very instructive—at least to me; and I often learned from them “where the shoe pinched:” while, sometimes, I not only learned what were the real difficulties in the minds of those who listened to me, but also how they might be met. As far as I could I met them, both at the time and in subsequent additions to or modifications of my manuscript. I would fain hope, therefore, that those who read these Lectures will find that some at least of the difficulties which have obscured their hopes, whether for themselves or for the world at large, have been removed from their path, and that points of view have been opened up to them which they have not heretofore occupied. If that should be so, they will owe something to my Class as well as to myself.

It would have been easy to recast these Lectures into a more bookish form, and thus to have avoided some of the brief recapitulations which will be found in them; but, in the process, they might have lost some of their vivacity; and it would not have been