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*Without a Parable spake He not unto them.—MATT. XIII, 34.*

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## PREFACE.

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The object of these Lectures is to present the teaching of Swedenborg concerning the Sacred Scriptures, in a form likely to reach those who might otherwise remain in ignorance of it; and for this purpose I have used whatever in the collateral writings of the New Church I have found available for argument or illustration. Whatever has thus been assimilated into the scheme and purpose of this presentation, I of course make myself responsible for; but if credit is to be given, I wish to say it very likely belongs to others. It is only fair to add, that the Lectures, delivered from time to time, which have appeared in the *Chicago Times*, called forth expressions of interest from various sources, which suggested the probable usefulness of printing them in this present form.

L. P. M.

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