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PREFACE.

When I was invited to contribute to this series of "Preachers of the Age," my stated duty in the pulpit had come to a close through my appointment to a professorial chair. I accepted the invitation in the hope of finding a wider audience for words which I was no longer called on to address to a weekly congregation. It seemed, therefore, reasonable to make the little volume fairly representative of that variety in treatment, as well as in the topics treated, which every preacher aims at in his usual ministry. Hence the sermons selected are quite miscellaneous. They aim at no unity of subject and are arranged upon no plan.

A few of the number have, at one time or another, found their way into print, being "reported" for serial publications. All of them are given substantially, for the most part even verbally, as they were preached. I trust the "words" may be found as "plain" as the "themes" are "great."

If they afford to any reader a degree of pleasure at all equal to what the author had in preaching them, neither will have cause to be dissatisfied.

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