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PREFACE.

Twenty-five years ago, the author of this book began the publication of his *Spiritual Studies in St. John's Gospel*, intending them to be very brief devotional commentaries for workaday Christians on our Lord's words. His experience with *St. John's Gospel*, which appeared eventually in five small volumes, taught him that it was impossible to do any justice to matter so profound in such brief and sketchy treatment of it. Therefore in taking up our Lord's words in *St. Matthew*, the exposition was given in more detail, and the devotional thoughts expanded. After finishing *St. Matthew*, when *St. Luke* was begun, the same line of further exposition and detailed spiritual application was followed. Then it seemed wise to go back once more to *St. John*, and in a new set of studies to try to do more justice to the Master's heavenly teachings therein. The out-