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PREFACE.

WHEN the invitation came to me to cross the Atlantic and deliver the *Lyman Abbott* Lecture on Preaching, I at once accepted it, because, conscious as I was of my unworthiness to stand in the honourable succession of the Yale Lecturers, I felt that there is a mode of conceiving the Christian Ministry which is not sufficiently recognised even by preachers themselves. The general contempt into which preaching has fallen on this side of the Atlantic, where the Established Church promises before long to thrust the sermon into a corner, or even outside the precincts, of its sacerdotal shrines, and where the other Churches are strongly tempted to secularise the pulpit, is, it seems to me, due to the decay of that conception of preaching which is presented in these lectures. This must be the

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