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Chaplain to H.M. Forces

Man! what is this, and why are thou despairing?
God will forgive thee all but thy despair."

London

T. FISHER UNWIN

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MDCCLXXXVI



To

THE CONGREGATION (CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

WORSHIPPING IN

THE CHAPEL OF THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, NETLEY,

THESE SERMONS ARE DEDICATED WITH

THE BEST WISHES OF THEIR

CHAPLAIN.



PREFACE.

THE publisher of "How to be Happy though Married" suggested to me that some of the many readers of that book might like to have the thoughts of the writer on more serious subjects—if there is any subject more serious than matrimony. Hence this little volume. The sermons in it have at least one merit—they are short. It is true that even a short sermon may be tiresome. We have all heard of the answer that some one gave to a clergyman who said that he had made his sermon short, and hoped that he was not tedious: "And yet you were tedious." But no clergyman can avoid being tedious to those who are bored even with the text, which is sure to be the best part of his sermon, and before anything else has followed. We must, it would seem, admit the fact that some persons are physically and morally incapable of reading or lis-

tening to sermons. It is well for them that a book of printed sermons can be so easily left unopened or shut up.

About half of these sermons were preached to soldiers, who are by no means as uninterested in religious matters as civilians sometimes give them credit for being.

Much of our apologetic theological literature may be described as the doubtful solution of doubtful doubts, and probably the last four sermons may come under this description. In them I have at least made an honest attempt to meet difficulties felt by myself.





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