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PREFACE.

THE following Lectures, delivered at a Litany Service in St. Bride's Church, on Friday mornings during Lent, contain nothing novel, sensational nor controversial: we have more than enough of the latter in these days. The Author's object has been, to conduct to the sure fountain of God's most Holy Word: to strengthen the faith, encourage the hope, and promote the growth in grace of believers, by a setting forth of some of the great things so freely given to us of God: also, by urging the claims which a God of Grace and Love has, upon the gratitude and loyalty of His people. The Lectures are simple and expository: some who heard them liked them, and thought that others might be pleased, and profited as well, if they were put in a more permanent form: on this account, and with this hope they are now published.

May God bless all that is true in them, and forgive all that is unworthy.

St. BARN'S, LIVERPOOL,

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"Who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God."

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LECTURE I.

THE BELIEVER'S HIGH AND HOLY CALLING.

"ELECT ACCORDING TO THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, UNTO OBEDIENCE, AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST."—1 PETER 1, 2.

ONE of our Christian Hymns begins with these joyous words :

"Happy Christian, God's own child,
Chosen, called, reconciled."

The sweet psalmist, whoever he was, travelled far back in tracing the source and fountain-head of the believer's bliss ; he went back to the eternal choosing of Almighty God ; "chosen:" the second step in order is, that choice revealed to the sinner's heart, as with a voice from heaven speaking to him "called:" and this leads to the third step in this order of salvation, viz., the believing sinner standing upon his high place on the everlasting rock, accepted in Christ, and "reconciled" unto God in Him.

Such an order of statement is Scriptural, for here St. Peter begins after the same manner, in setting forth the high and holy calling of believers: his first word is "elect;" so he