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PREFACE.

OF the matter contained in these pages, a small portion has already been published in a series of articles in the *Quiver*; the greater part is new. It will be seen at once that the work has no claim to originality or independent research; or to that wealth of imagination and learning which has made Trench's "Notes on the Parables of the New Testament" one of the most valuable books of our generation. It addresses itself to simple readers; and is merely a help to Bible reading. Its object is to group together in right connexion and gradation all the phases of parabolic "teaching by comparison" which present themselves in the Old Testament; to suggest the study of certain striking passages, which are usually too apt to be overlooked; and to bring out—what in these days it is especially necessary to dwell upon—the preparatory character (in this respect as in others) of the teaching of the older Scriptures, leading up to the perfect Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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