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#### PREFACE.

THE Sermons in the present volume, with the exception of the last, were preached in Westminster Abbey during my residence in August 1885 and January 1886. I have endeavoured in them to guide others to lines of thought which I have myself found to lead to that sure hope which we can reach through patience and through comfort of the Scriptures. I have added as an Appendix a Sermon preached at Cambridge, which was designed to give a practical application of this teaching.

The broad lessons of the Epistle to the Hebrews appear to me to shew how much that seems to be loss in regard to our religious circumstances proves to be gain by turning our minds from things temporal and provisional to Christ Himself. I sought therefore first to indicate these in a general outline, and then afterwards to point out a little more in detail some special aspects of the Person and Work of Christ which correspond with the wants of our own position.

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#### Preface.

The delays, the failures, the sorrows which beset the great life of humanity can be borne gladly if we are allowed even from afar to recognise the Presence of CHRISTUS CONSUMMA-TOR. The things of time are transfigured in the light of eternity.

The last words of the Founder of the Abbey express with pathetic force one side of the Truth. 'Weep not,' he said to the Queen sobbing by his side, 'Weep not my daughter. For I shall not die but live; and as I leave the land of the dying, I trust to see the blessings of the Lord in the land of the living.' The vision of that unchanging order is given to us even here in the Gospel. Father..., the Lord said of His disciples, This is the life eternal, that they know Thee the only true God, and Him Whom Thou didst send, even Jesus Christ.

B. F. W.

DIVINITY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE. May 24th, 1886.

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