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TO OUR ADORABLE LORD  
AND ONLY SAVIOUR

JESUS CHRIST

THIS RECORD OF THE LIFE, LOVE AND WORKS  
OF HIS DEVOTED SAINT  
IS REVERENTLY INSCRIBED



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PERFECTION WITH ITS RULES  
AND COUNSELS, WORSHIP  
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TO OUR MOTHER  
ECCLESIA ANGLICANA  
AND IN GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO HER THREE  
GREAT THEOLOGIANS  
PEARSON, HOOKER, PUSEY  
THIS WORK IS INSCRIBED BY THE HUMBLEST  
OF HER SONS



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DEAR READER:—

Thou wilt find somewhat in this book that will disagree with thee. And in what it disagrees with thee thou wilt find thy most advantage. If it be not writ by the Spirit mayest thou be enlightened to the answering thereof to thy profit. What cometh of the Spirit will profit if thou hast that "gracious humility which hath ever been the crown and glory of a Christianly disposed mind."

There be many books of human making the author has consulted in forming this, but that whereby he has most profited is the Holy Scriptures, interpreted by the common consciousness of Apostolic Christendom and made vital by meditation and prayer. For all lovers of Jesus agree in this, that the doctrine of the cross is best learnt in the companionship of those most closely united to Him and at the foot of the cross.

The dispositions of our time have engendered much disputation, and more indifference, along with widespread rejection of the Christian faith, which is a suggestive and peace-composing sign as betokening that the reign of evil is coming to an end, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

The three principal forms of assault wear the livery and mask of science, of higher criticism, and of modern thought; yet the truths for which two stand make them rather champions of the faith than its opponents.