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PREFACE.

IT has been my desire to dwell, in these sermons, on some of the lessons of the war which were so obvious that they might miss being specially enforced ; and on others, which would hardly occur to persons not acquainted with continental thought and belief.

With regard to these latter, I may relate an anecdote, which, as it has never passed from my own mind, so may, I believe, prove suggestive to the minds of others.

My late venerated father was once

seriously ill at Liège. During his convalescence, he had many conversations with his physician; and on one occasion ventured to remonstrate with him on the scantiness of his religious faith.

"*Moi,*" was the reply, "*je suis laïque, et je crois beaucoup; mais mon frère, il est abbé, et il ne croit rien!*"

The comment on this sad saying, briefly sketched in the following pages, is being written, by Him that is True, on the plains of France, and in the homes of Germany. May it be so inscribed by Him on OUR hearts, as to need no further writing at His Hand!

Canterbury, January 6, 1871.



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SERMON I.

Cease ye from Man.

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