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PREFACE.

IT would not be presumptuous in me to infer from the diligence and ingenuity that have been used in publicly misrepresenting my position and course on the Sunday question, that the public have some interest in the matter. The object of this book, however, is, not to define my position, but to discuss the question,—a question in which the gravest interests are imperilled by untenable assumptions and arguments on both sides.

As to the misrepresentations that have been made, it is impossible to harbor serious resentment; for they seem to have been devoid of malice. Great consideration is due toward that unhappy class of our fellow-citizens who have become bound, under inhuman and demoralizing contracts, to be funny once in every twenty-four hours, honestly if they can, but—to be funny. Morality cannot always approve the expedients to which they think themselves compelled to resort in the distressing exigencies of their toilsome business; but, even where morality condemns, humanity may pity and forgive.

The best part of this book is made up of the "Six Sermons" of my noble and saintly brother

George, whose opinions, in the main, I accept as my own. If critical readers of the book shall be charmed with the clear spiritual insight, the lucid argument, and the faultless beauty of expression which mark these, like all he ever wrote, and shall find what I have written to be rude and little worth in the comparison, I shall be better pleased than with any commendation they could pronounce upon me. I hope the republication of these "Six Sermons" will draw wider attention to the forthcoming memorial of his life and writings, of which we all, father and brothers, regret the long delay.

POSTSCRIPT.

Since the copy of this book was prepared for the press, two events have occurred to hinder the publication of it: first, the stereotype plates of the "Six Sermons" were found to have been destroyed; and then, when arrangements to restore them had been completed, the sudden and serene departure of my father from the midst of his great labors for the kingdom of God on earth into the fulness of that "Sabbath-rest that remaineth for the people of God," interrupted the course of this business with its sorrow and its inexpressible joy and triumph.

LEONARD WOOLSEY BACON.

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