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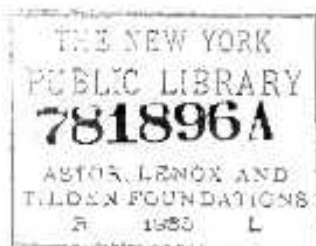
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE late Rev. Mortimer Blake, D.D., the author of these discourses, was well known as a ripe scholar and profound thinker. He had a mode of expression singularly clear, forcible, and original. When he was seen in the pulpit, something more than the ordinary exposition of Scripture was expected.

He seemed like one who had sailed over the ocean of truth, not merely glancing at its surface, but exploring its depths and bringing up rich treasures.

He skillfully avoided the seaweed and barnacles of profitless speculation and dropped his lead where it was sure to fasten itself to the priceless pearl. For this reason the title *SORXONGS* has been given to this book.

Perhaps no other word could more concisely and comprehensively indicate the nature of its contents. The old proverb is reversed in this case; all *is* gold that glitters here.

It is believed that no commendatory word will be needed to induce those who were accustomed to listen to Dr. Blake's pulpit addresses to renew the old and sacred associations by the perusal of this volume.

To others, the testimony of one long connected with him in a ministerial association may be interesting and important. He says: "I have noticed when any difficult subject was to be investigated, Dr. Blake was generally appointed as the essayist."

The rare wisdom and culture of one who was consulted by pastors and laymen far and near, in circumstances of perplexity, are here partially exhibited, laying the public under special obligations to his daughter, Mrs.

Evelyn L. Morse, who has prepared this work for the press.

It is a remarkable fact that these sermons appear in print just as the author left them at his decease, scarcely a sentence being added or changed.

The writer of these few prefatory words feels honored by this privilege of calling attention to the writings of one who was formerly his revered instructor, his predecessor in the ministry at Mansfield, and his cherished friend for many years.

JACOB IDE.

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