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PREFACE

OF the many Sacred Biographies I have written, this has been by far the most interesting. For days and weeks together I have lived in the company of this glorious man ; but only to feel that he transcended all one's loftiest conceptions. Like some great mountain range, the more his character is traversed, the more it grows on the imagination.

In these chapters I have used the Epistles more largely than the Acts, as I desired to describe his life from within, and as it appeared to himself. In many cases, therefore, the historical has been subordinated to the auto-biographical.

I have taken advantage of some of the latest books which have dealt with this subject ; but for the most part the following pages contain the essence of years of my own thinking and preaching. Such as they are, I send them forth, trusting that they may incite many to follow Paul as he followed Christ ; and to yield themselves, as he did, to God.

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I

Pre-natal Grace

(1 TIMOTHY i. 14.)

“A city throned upon the height behold,
Wherein no foot of man as yet has trod;
The City of man's Life fulfilled in God—
Bathed all in light, with open gates of gold.”

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

THE source of a stream must be sought, not where it arises in some green glen among the hills, making a tiny tarn of clear water, where the mountain sheep come down to drink; but in the mighty sea, drawn upwards in evaporation, or in the clouds that condense against the cold slopes of the hills. So with the life of God within us. In its earlier stages we are apt to suppose that it originated in our will and choice, and return to our Father's House. But as we review it from the eminence of the years, we discover that we chose because we were chosen; that we loved because we were first loved; that we left the sepulchre of our selfishness and the ceremonies of death, because the Son of God flung his majestic word into the sepulchral vault, crying, “Come forth!” All mature piety extols the grace of God—that unmerited love, which each man thinks was magnified most abundantly in his own case. “By the