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TO THE

HONOURABLE AND VERY REVEREND

GEORGE HERBERT, M.A.,

DEAN OF HEREFORD,

THESE SERMONS,

PREACHED BY HIS APPOINTMENT,

AND PUBLISHED BY HIS REQUEST,

- ARE DEDICATED,

IN TOKEN OF OLD FRIENDSHIP

AND SINCERE RESPECT FOR HIS CATHEDRAL WORK.

PREFACE.

THESE Sermons need but a few words of Preface. They are published because some who heard them felt that the subjects brought under consideration needed to be thought over more deliberately than could be the case at the time of hearing. They aim at setting forth the deep practical importance of the doctrinal Truths of the Atonement. Should they be read by any student of Theology, he will see at once where I am indebted to well-known writers on this subject in the past and the present times, although I have not thought it necessary to encumber my pages with needless references to authorities.

The one truth which, beyond all others, I desire that they may suggest, is the inseparable unity which must exist between Christian doctrine, even in its more mysterious forms, and Christian morality or devotion. They are a slight contribution to the plea for that connection of Religion and Theology, which in our own time is so frequently and, as it seems to me, so unreasonably denied. If there is some abstract difficulty in treating theological subjects in Sermons, it is perhaps counter-balanced by the sense which the very atmosphere of worship and the sight of the faces of Christian men must impress on the preacher, of the living reality and spiritual efficacy of the great Truths proclaimed.

A. B.

King's College, London, May 1, 1871.

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II.

THE ATONEMENT BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

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I PETER I. 19, 20.

"Ye were redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you"