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P R E F A C E .

This Small Volume contains the Ninth Series of Twelve Sermons preached in Verulam Mission Church, Kennington Road, Lambeth, London, during the last twelve months. I would ask the Readers of these Sermons carefully to examine and try them with the Word of God. Some of the Sermons are *doctrinal*, others are somewhat *controversial*, and others are *deeply experimental*. I hope, that by thus presenting the truth of the Gospel in various aspects, the Glory of our Triune Jehovah may be revealed to the edification of each member of the Body of Christ. "Let all those that seek THEE rejoice and be glad in THEE: and let such as love THY SALVATION say continually, LET GOD BE MAGNIFIED!"

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ST. JAMES' VICARAGE, SHEFFIELD,

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“AND YE WOULD NOT.”

A SERMON

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In the 23rd chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and at the 37th verse, you will read these words:—

“O JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, THOU THAT KILLEST THE PROPHETS, AND STONEST THEM WHICH ARE SENT UNTO THEE, HOW OFTEN WOULD I HAVE GATHERED THY CHILDREN TOGETHER, EVEN AS A HEN GATHERETH HER CHICKENS UNDER HER WINGS, AND YE WOULD NOT!”

I am aware that the words of my text are frequently quoted in defence of the doctrine of the idol of “free-will” by those persons who have quite as good an opinion of themselves and of their own power as they have of the Lord Jesus Christ and of His power. It is not my intention to treat our text in a controversial spirit, but rather to give you an interpretation of it which commends itself to my own mind, and which I believe to be in perfect keeping with the teaching of the Scriptures generally. In preaching, I have no end to serve but one, which is this,—to endeavour, as far as possible, to discover the truth, and then to proclaim it, praying that God's blessing may rest upon it for the truth's sake. And I do most sincerely pray that it may