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PREFACE.

THESE Lectures were not written with a view to their being printed, but were designed as simple and plain lessons of instruction to those not acquainted with the symbolism of the Word. And they are now permitted to go to the press only at the solicitation of many who have heard them.

They were delivered during the past winter, in the city of New York, to audiences in which there were many strangers, and no two congregations were alike. This made it necessary to refer frequently to the relation which exists between spiritual things and natural things, alluding often to *First Principles* and their effects, and thus keeping the Law of Analogy continually before the mind.

I am now asked to give them to the public, as they were delivered, under the suggestion that the repetitions they contain, will be no more than minds, unacquainted with the Science of Correspondences, may need to enable them to easily understand them. And I accede to the request, assuring the reader, whoever he may be, who has not looked into the spiritual sense of the Holy Word, that if he has a desire to do so, and will study the Science of Correspondences, and read these simple illustrations of the Sacred Scriptures, with a sincere desire to become acquainted with the Word of God, that he

may the better know his heavenly Father, his own soul, and the true way of life, that he may walk in it, the Lord will open to his mind a new field of thought, and lead him to a Fountain of heavenly Wisdom which he will prize more valuable than all things else; for he will find therein the true life of heaven. That he may do so is the prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

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