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LATE VICAR OF S. BARNABAS' AND RURAL DEAN OF KENSINGTON.

*"I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude,
and brought them forth into the house of God, with the voice of
praise and thanksgiving."*



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Dedication.

TO THE
CONGREGATION AND PARISHIONERS OF
S. BARNABAS' CHURCH, KENSINGTON,
THIS VOLUME
CONSISTING OF A FEW OF THE SERMONS
PREACHED IN THEIR HEARING
IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED
IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
OF EIGHT-AND-TWENTY YEARS
SPENT IN GOD'S SERVICE
AMONGST THEM.

*Colebrook House, Bognor,
S. Barnabas' Day, 1882.*

P R E F A C E .

The contents of this volume are selected from a mass of more than two thousand Sermons and Notes of Sermons, delivered during a residence at Kensington of nearly forty years, and a ministry at S. Barnabas' Church of nearly thirty.

God has pleased to bring that ministry to a sudden close, and to give His servant the opportunity of quietly looking back upon the work that formed so long his pleasure and his duty.

Many of the labours of a Parish Priest, so far as they have been faithfully undertaken and diligently carried out, survive in the institutions which he transmits to a successor, to be either continued or modified as circumstances may require. But of his preaching there remains but little record, when his voice is no longer heard from the pulpit. The fruit of it may, indeed, be traced, even after many days, in the life and character of his hearers and their children, and what can he wish more? But in some cases, those hearers desire to retrace a few of the words actually spoken in their presence, and by them to recal in imagination the presence of a friend now parted from them for a while.

In compliance with such a wish, this little volume is issued, consisting of Sermons preached on some leading days of the Christian year, and a few others, which have been for the most part asked for by those who heard them. They are printed as they were delivered, except so far as topics of local and temporary interest have been removed from them. It is hoped that no one will attribute to the preacher any conceit of authorship. His object in their delivery was the edification of a flock in which he was deeply interested; his object in their publication is the gratification of a few members of that flock, by whom he would not willingly be forgotten.

*Colebrook House, Bognor,
S. Barnabas' Day, 1882.*