

## PREFACE.

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THESE Sermons lay no claim to originality of thought; or elegance of diction. They are plain, practical discourses delivered by a plain, practical man to a plain, practical congregation, and would probably never have been heard of outside of the Church in which they were preached if it had not been for the fact that one member left and began to attend the services of a church in another parish; giving as his reason the unsoundness of the doctrines of these sermons. In other words, that he was driven from his Church by the "High Churchism" of the Minister. And as this is not the first attempt to cause trouble within the Church, and raise suspicion outside, calculated to injure the author of these sermons, he has taken this mode of proving the groundlessness of the charge; hoping that by showing how little those making it are capable of judging between truth and error to render it unnecessary to take any further notice of them: and to prevent himself being enveloped in a cloud of suspicion which he already feels to be gathering around him.

They are also published with the view of enabling those—not few in number—who have expressed their regret at not being able to hear the whole course, to secure a copy and read it in their homes.

The texts and themes upon which these sermons are written appeared, among several others, in the *Clergyman's Magazine* for February, 1877, as suitable topics for Passion Week.

Should there be any profit arising from the sale of these sermons, it will be given to the fund of the Sunday School.