

PREFACE.

THE apprehension, of which I had some foreboding in the delivery of this Charge, has now become a reality. Circumstances preclude my return to the country which has occupied my thoughts and energies for fifteen years. In a few weeks I shall drop the accustomed signature which connected me with the largest Diocese, in territorial extent, committed to any living Bishop.

Unspeakably painful as is the prospect of separation, it has been a comfort to find that, in the gracious providence of God, a sphere of wide and extended usefulness awaited me on my arrival in England; so that, while health and strength last, I shall thus still be able to work in the vineyard. And although memory must often revert to the land which I have left, I derive consolation from the thought that "the