

INTRODUCTION.

THE following brief chapters on CHRIST'S character as a TEACHER, are published with the hope that they may prove helpful to those who, in sincerity of heart, have come to learn of Him who can lead them into all truth.

Our aim in the following pages has not been fullness of discussion, even of that particular aspect of Christ's work under review. A full discussion of such a subject is an impossibility, for it partakes of the infinite, and will be a subject of study through eternal ages. We have merely dwelt on a few salient points of a theme of permanent and profound interest to the Church. Our purpose is gained if any may be led by what is here written, to a more exalted conception of, and firmer trust in both the TEACHER and his LESSONS.

"Never man spake like this man," was a judgment forced from those who once heard him : we form the same judgment of him still, notwithstanding the many who have since spoken, and gained an audience among men. "We know that thou art a teacher sent from God," said Nicodemus, "for no man could do these miracles which thou doest, unless God were with him." The Church to-day is still of the same opinion. Every other teacher comes in time to be criticized, and even superseded ; every other master has his place filled by a successor, but Christendom still sits with loving obedience at the feet of Him who is meek and lowly, to learn from Him the words of eternal life.