

## INTRODUCTION.

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This volume is reprinted in America at my oft-repeated suggestion. When the reader has finished these sermons he will not ask why I have urged the publication of an American edition. The sermons will have spoken for themselves. To induce the Christian public to read this book, a few words of information respecting its gifted author, her excellencies as a preacher, and the wonderful work in which she is engaged, will be our only argument.

Mrs. Catherine Booth is the wife of Rev. William Booth, formerly a Primitive Methodist preacher, but now the Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army. Converted at fifteen, her piety till several years after her marriage was like a shaded lamp, shining only upon the narrow circle of the parsonage and parish. She says: "I was one of the most timid and bashful disciples the Lord Jesus ever saved." For ten years the daily battle of her life was with the duty of giving public testimony with her lips to the