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DOCTRINAL, MISCELLANEOUS, AND OCCASIONAL.

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"He that overcometh, shall inherit all things."—Rev. xxi. 7.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE occasion of publishing the present volume of Sermons, is as follows. The first ten discourses, with one exception, constitute a series on the Doctrines of the New Church, which the writer had occasion to deliver in various parts of Western America, while on a somewhat extensive missionary tour through that region. Having been frequently urged to publish the series, the writer had for some time contemplated combining with these a few other discourses, to form a volume,—understanding that such a work was needed particularly by small societies, which held meetings for public worship, but yet were without the services of a minister. Preparations had been commenced for the undertaking, when, by a favorable concurrence of circumstances, he was induced to set out on a visit to Europe, with the double purpose of seeing the state of the Church in Great Britain, and of taking, at the same time, a traveler's view of the Old World. He thought it advisable, however, to take with him his manuscripts, in the prospect of having a good opportunity, during the

leisure of the voyage, of going on with the work of revision; and thinking it probable, also, that there might be need of the sermons themselves for use in the pulpit. Little idea, however, was entertained of publishing the volume in this country, as the writer had no expectation of remaining in any one place a sufficient length of time to render it practicable. When, however, during a protracted sojourn in this city, a highly favorable and, as it seemed, providential opportunity presented itself for undertaking the publication here, he felt it a duty to avail himself of it, as thereby the circulation and consequent usefulness of the work would be greatly increased.

The volume is now offered to his brethren of the Church in both countries, and to the public generally, in the humble hope that it may be a means, under Divine Providence, of making more widely known, or of confirming where already known, the cheering and elevating truths of the New Dispensation.

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IN preparing this Edition, the sermons have been carefully revised,—additions made to some, retrenchments in others, and some changes also in their arrangement. An additional sermon has been inserted, on the true nature of the Faith spoken of in the Gospels: this now stands as Sermon IV. The sermon on “The New Jerusalem,” as being the first that the author composed, is now placed first in the volume, thus increasing the number of Doctrinal Sermons to twelve. With these improvements, it is hoped that the work will be found still more useful.

GLASGOW, *February*, 1860.