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PREFACE.

THE contents of this little volume consist of four addresses which were delivered at a series of drawing-room meetings held at the house of a friend in London.

They deal with some of the foundation truths of the Faith of Christ, as brought before us in the passage of Scripture then under immediate consideration.

There are doubtless many other things which God has joined together; in His own character, in His dealings, and in the life and experience of the Christian; but as they are not directly referred to in the passage in question, such things did not come directly within our view.

The addresses do not, therefore, pretend to be in any measure exhaustive of so wide and glorious a

subject; and they are only published now in the hope that they may, by God's blessing, either bring the truths of which they speak more permanently before the minds of those who heard them delivered, or help others who desire to know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Having been delivered extempore, and in a very colloquial fashion, the addresses have doubtless many defects. I trust, however, that my readers will pardon them for the sake of the eternally important truths which I have endeavoured to set forth.

May God's gracious blessing attend the perusal of the following pages, for Christ's sake.

S. A. BLACKWOOD.

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I

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND REDEMPTION.

“A just God, and a Saviour.”—ISAIAH xlv. 21.

THESE words declare to us in the simplest and clearest language the character of the living God. They present to our view two attributes of His character,—His justice, and His mercy; His infinite and perfect righteousness on the one hand, and His compassion and saving power on the other. And I venture to say that unless we know God in these two aspects, and with regard to these two great fundamental features in His character, it is impossible for us to be at peace with Him. The words of Eliphaz, the Temanite, which he addressed to Job when he said, “Acquaint thyself now with God, and be at peace,” are true still; the only way of being at peace with God is to know Him. We must understand who He is, and what He is; how He feels towards us, and what are the principles of His government and the motives that actuate Him—and the Bible reveals Him to us so that we may know Him. The Bible declares to us the leading features of His character