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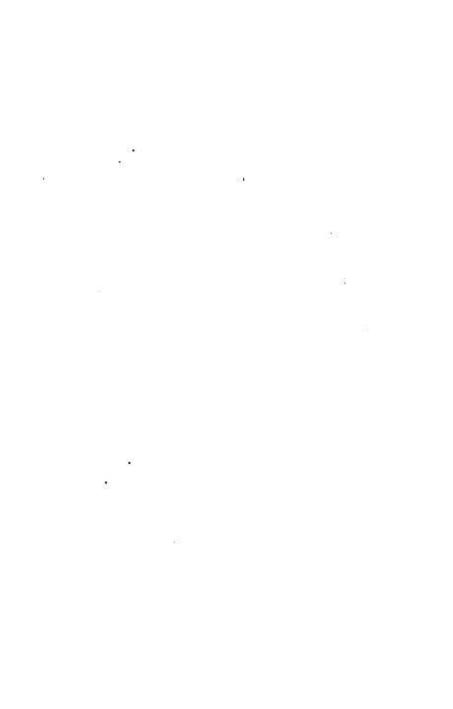
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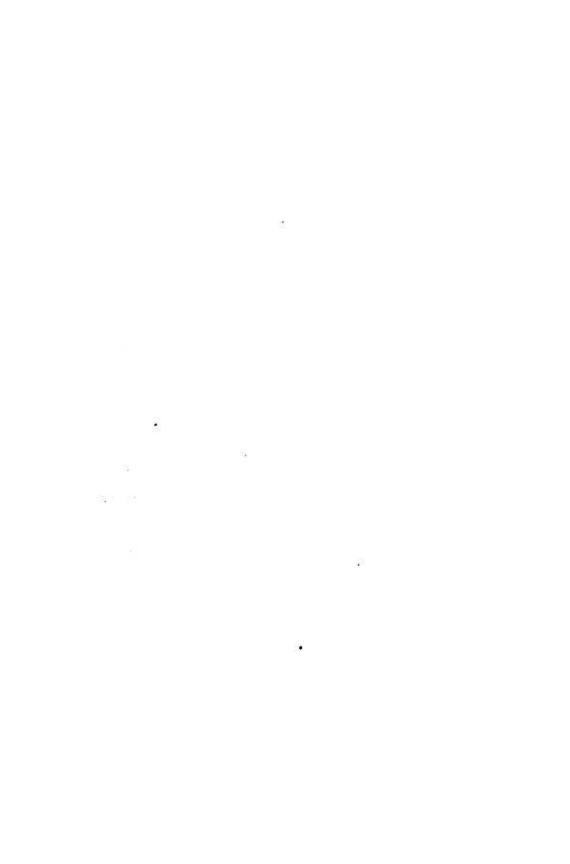


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TO THE CONGREGATION OF S. MARY'S, BIDEFORD,

DEAR FRIENDS,

In answer to many requests made at the time of the Mission, the Morning Instructions and some of the Sermons were left in your Rector's hands for publication. Conscious as I am of their manifold imperfections. I must say, that anything like a wide circulation would be against my own inclination, although I know those who heard them will readily make allowances. If they seem but rough and unpolished in many places, others will, I trust, remember they were written rather to be spokes than for reading, and that they now appear without any material alterations.

For several thoughts, and one or two whole passages in Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of the Instructions, I am much indebted to some teachings of a similar kind by a friend, The Rev. W. F. BATEMAN, of S. John's, Upper Norwood: The Counsel upon "the Regulated Life" is almost entirely his.

May the same Holy Spirit who abundantly blessed the Mission, so far as its immediate results were concerned, deepen those results and make them permanent. May He also assist any of you, who care to read what you have already heard, to remember only what He would teach you, and blot out from your minds that which is merely my own.

Yours faithfully in the Lord,

OSBERT MORDAUNT.



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