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Its purpose, as set forth in its several publications, is, the establishment of such a platform of religious opinion as will enable Christians of all denominations, in the spirit of charity and with mutual concession, to stand thereon, and join in a common worship of Almighty God.

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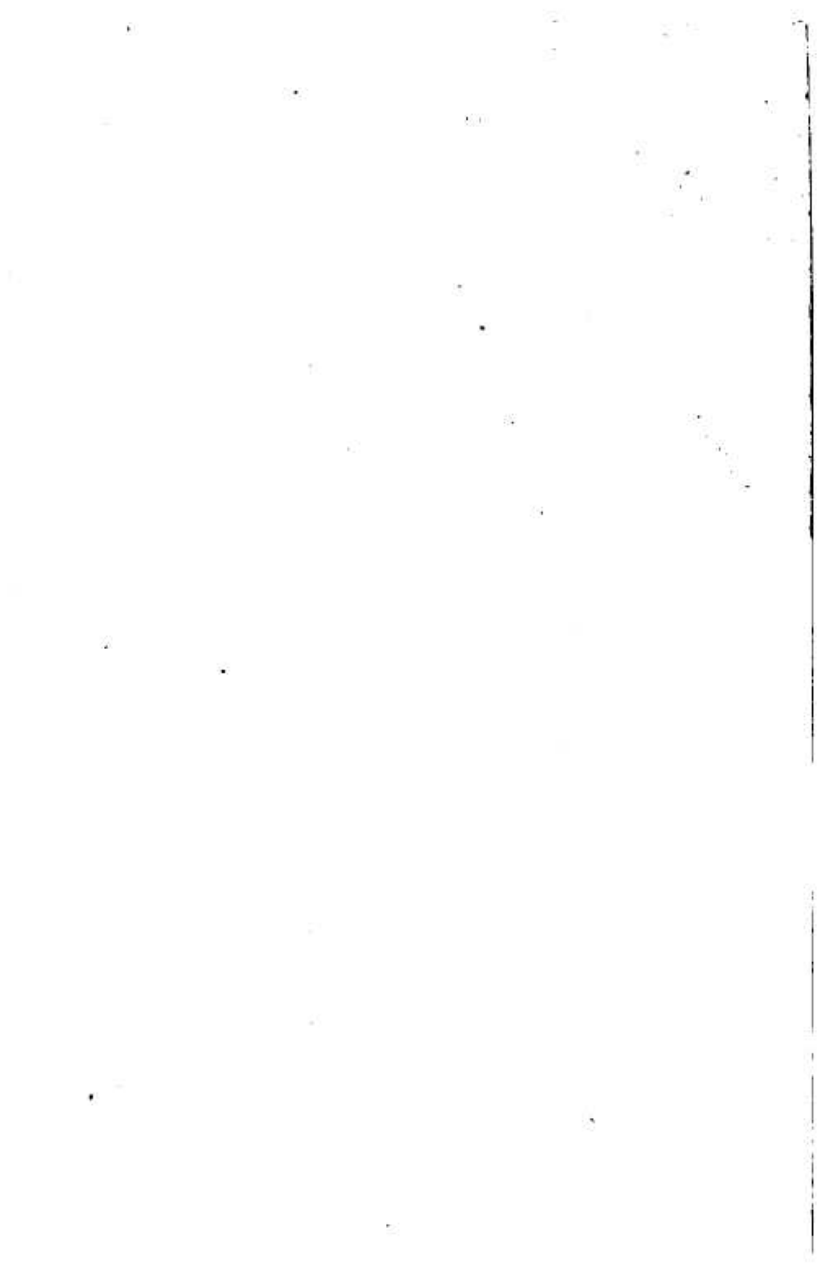
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