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Amor alicujus amantis est, et amore
aliquid amatur. Ecce tria sunt, amans, et
quod amatur, et amor.—AUG. *De Trinitate*.

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PREFACE

THERE are signs that the doctrine of the Trinity is again likely to become the battle-ground that it has so often been before in Christian history ; —the battle-ground on which the contention for the faith will have, for the time, to be carried on. And though I have several times dealt incidentally with this doctrine in connection with other topics, I now venture to return to the subject, with a view to discussing some of the popular difficulties that are connected with it in the present day. In so doing I have endeavoured to avoid any detailed treatment of points on which I have already enlarged elsewhere, except when criticisms had to be noticed. But the necessary recurrence of certain main lines of argument, I hope, may be rather advantageous than otherwise, as tending to the additional emphasis of principles that, in my judgment, cannot be too often or too widely emphasised.

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