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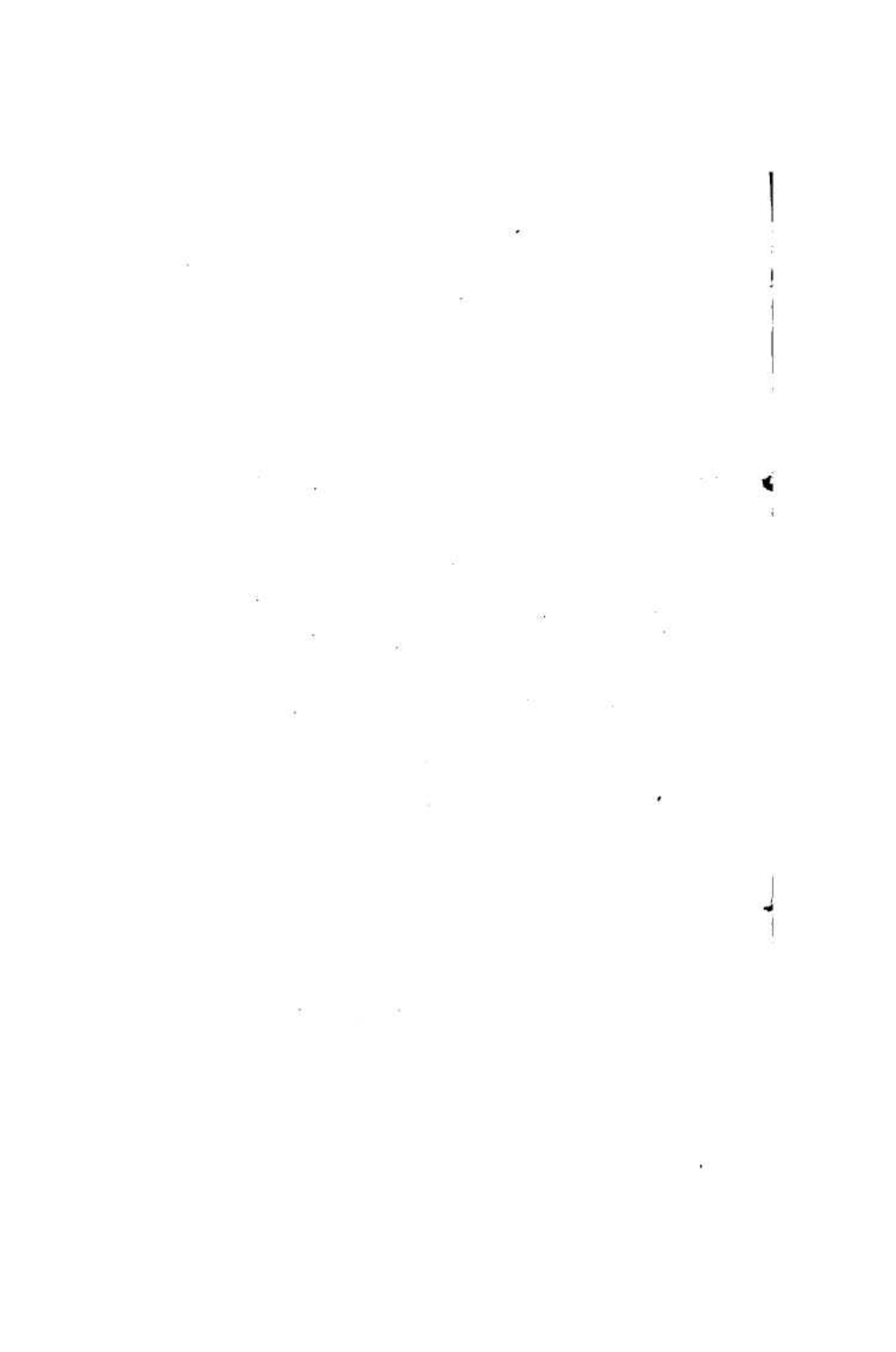
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PREFACE

TO

THE SECOND EDITION.

THE only material difference between this second edition, of the following Letter, and the first, is in the omission of a very short passage (p. 49), relative to the evidence of our Saviour's death on the cross, by the issuing of blood and water from his side, which was generally considered by the ancient Fathers as miraculous ; but which may be accounted for from natural causes.

This alteration has been made at the suggestion of a learned friend ; and when I inform my readers, that *that* friend is LORD GRENVILLE, I shall have said enough to secure their best attention to the observations,

both on the interpretation of the eighth verse, and on the general scope of the whole controverted passage, most obligingly communicated to me in the following letter :

“ I have just read, with much attention, and with a satisfaction which I cannot forbear taking the liberty of expressing to your Lordship, your Letter to Mrs. Baillie, on her late publication.

“ I strongly feel with what deference it becomes me to speak on such subjects ; but you have removed, by your paraphrase, the principal difficulty which I had felt respecting 1 John v. 7, 8 ; the difficulty, I mean, of annexing to the passage a definite and connected sense, in accordance with the general tenour of the Epistle. The heavenly witnesses to the divine nature, and the earthly witnesses to the human nature of our Saviour, seem, to me, by your explanation, to be clearly pointed, and naturally contrasted with each other.

“ But allow me to express a doubt, which
“ has occurred to me, very erroneously per-
“ haps, respecting your epithet *miraculous*
“ (p. 49) to the effusion of blood and water,
“ and your view of that circumstance, as a
“ *supernatural* attestation of Christ’s human
“ nature. If I am correctly informed, that
“ effusion would have been, in any case, a
“ *natural* consequence of the wound which
“ pierced the heart. It is, therefore, not a
“ heavenly but an earthly witness of the
“ actual death of our Saviour, on the cross.
“ And, if I mistake not, it is in that view
“ that it is so particularly insisted on by St.
“ John, who declares himself to have been a
“ spectator of the fact ; standing, as we know
“ from other circumstances, very near to the
“ cross itself.

“ I need hardly suggest to your Lordship,
“ that this view of that particular part of the
“ passage in question tends (so at least it
“ appears to me) to confirm, not to shake,