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## P R E F A C E .

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IN publishing these Discourses, which were composed without such an intention and in the ordinary course of ministerial service, the author thinks to discharge a debt to the religious denomination with which he is connected, and to the cause of which he is set for the defence. At the same time, since subjects of this kind are by their nature incapable of exact demonstration, and therefore always open to debate, he will not feel called upon to enter into any controversy with those who may choose to assail his positions. Here are his thoughts. Let them pass for the value that each one on his conscience may assign to them.





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## EVIDENCE.

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For it pleased the Father, that in him should all fulness dwell.  
— Coloss. i. 19.

THIS passage is supposed by some to refer to that plenitude of power and grace with which the Son of God was endowed. God gave not the spirit by measure unto him. Others explain it of the whole great body of believers, his church, which is elsewhere called his fulness. The first interpretation seems to be the most natural. Both convey a true and an important meaning. According to one, Christ is represented as possessing every possible excellence, that can appear in our nature or adorn the high office that he sustains towards our race. According to the other, the whole vast multitude of believing souls is brought up before the mind, — Jew and Gentile together, — united under one head, the