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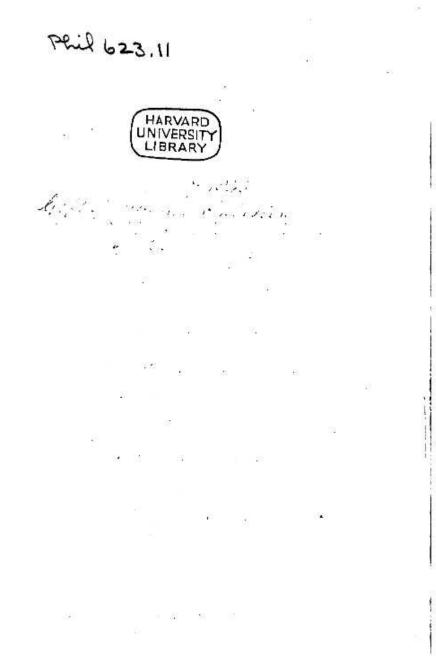
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## PREFACE,

THE relation which the following sheets bear to a work, which has in this country met with considerable approbation, seems to require that a brief explanation be given of the circumstances in which they originated. Mr. Rose's Essay has unquestionably, through the number of facts which it stated, had the merit of introducing the subject of German Theology more extensively before the English, and of furnishing a considerable number of data, from which the character of the late Rationalist Theology might in itself be appreciated. In the mode, however, in which these facts were presented, the Author missed that arrangement of the facts themselves, through which alone it becomes possible to trace the connexion of causes and effects through the whole course of the system described; as well as a due appreciation of the intrinsic and relative importance of those facts. To some of the innovations a degree of weight seemed to be attached, which their rela-