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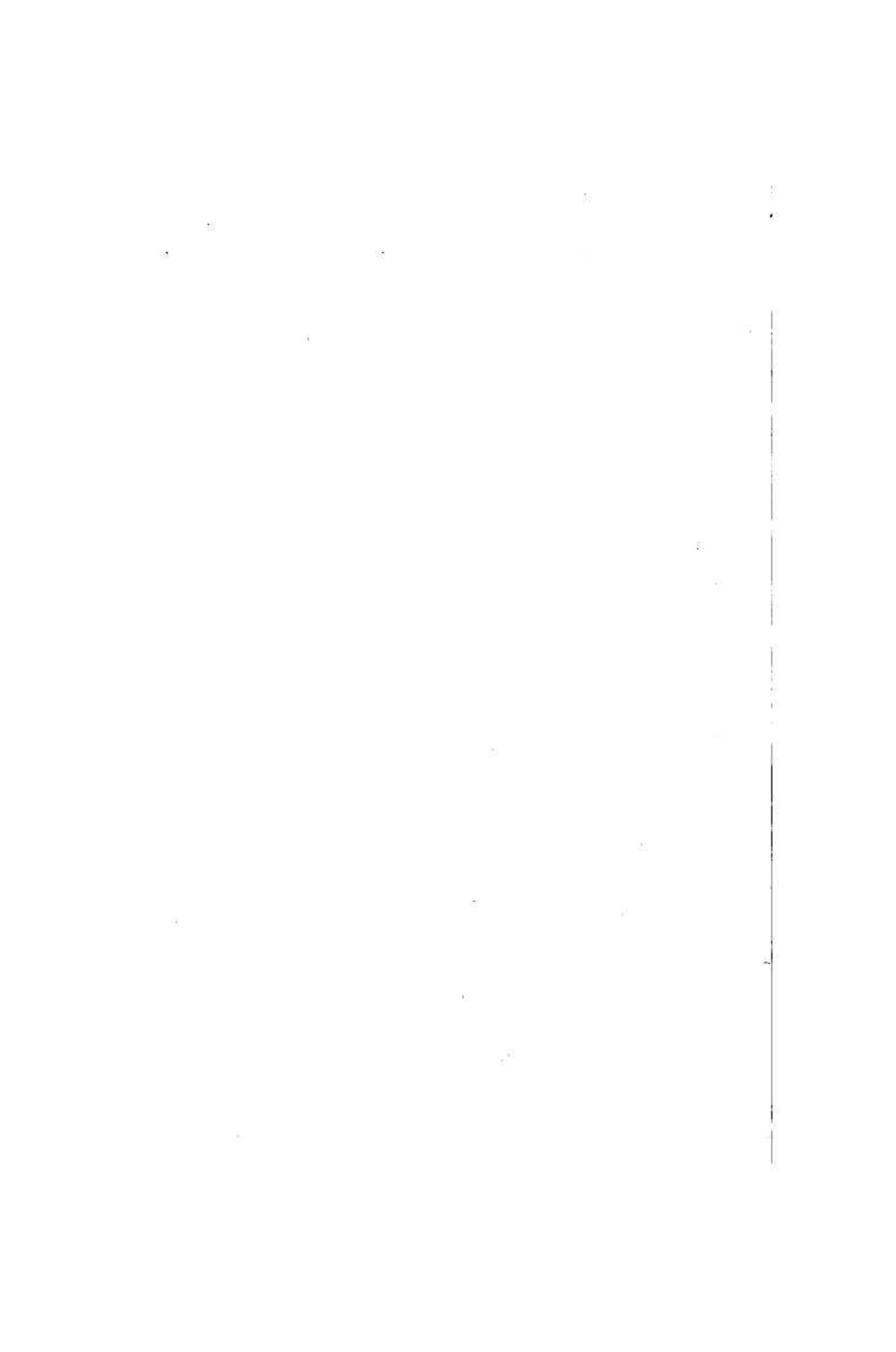
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[*THESE* Lectures are sent to the press, in compliance with the general desire of the Congregation before which they are being delivered. As the Course is at present going on, and the Lecturer therefore occupied in the weekly preparation of the Series, he is prevented from giving them that careful revision which productions written amid the daily pressure of official engagements must obviously require.

It is only necessary to add, that the reasons urged in favour of the immediate publication of the Lectures in numbers, rather than in the form of a complete volume at the close, have been sufficiently strong to induce the Author to forego the advantages which might be gained by a little more leisure and delay. Such as they are, it is hoped they will meet with the indulgent consideration of the reader; to whom they are commended, with the earnest prayer that the Divine Spirit may vouchsafe to breathe his blessing upon them.]

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THE above statement explains the circumstances under which these Lectures were first given to the public; and, while now sending them forth in a collected form, the author cannot refrain from expressing his grateful sense of the reception accorded to them as they successively appeared, and also of the favourable notice taken of them by the religious periodical press.

Short as the period is, since the Course thus completed was commenced, events have occurred which serve to prove still more clearly the necessity of such publications as the present. The

recent measures of our Civil Rulers in favour of Popery; the spirit of religious indifferentism displayed so openly by the political representatives of the country; together with the painful and portentous divisions on points of doctrine prevailing among some of the leading evangelical denominations; all combine to show, that the fervent exhortations of Jude have seldom been more urgently called for than at this particular time. The warnings given by him against the "creeping" encroachments of error, and the solemn appeals with which he charges the members of the Church "earnestly to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," are peculiarly adapted to the present crisis; and it is therefore conceived that this production, however deficient in other respects, will be found to possess at least one advantage: viz. that to which the wise man adverts, when he says—"a word spoken in season how good it is."

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