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Page 18, 4th line from top, for "however," read "Moreover."

Page 27, 2d line from top, for "consolations," read "consultations."

Page 44, 16th line from top, to the period, "impregnably establishes this position," supply the words, "in his epistics."

## PREFATORY REMARKS.

When the Emperor Napoleon enquired of Madam de Stael, why she interfered in political affairs, she is said to have replied, "that when women were beheaded it was but proper that they should know the reason." A similar cause accounts for the origination of the present little work. Most of the advocates of Episcopacy in our day, in their theory, unchurch nineteen-twentieths of the Christian world; while all their ministers, bishops, priests, and deacons, practically regard all other denominations, as "strangers to the Commonwealth of Israel," and as unconditionally surrendered to the "uncovenanted mercies of God." The exclusive claims of the system are pressed higher and higher. It not only exhibits the spirit, but approvingly decks itself with the cast-off insignia of Romanism. There is not an Episcopal minister in the land, who, by an exchange of ministerial services and courtesies, evinces a belief of the existence of any class of Christian ministers but those of his own communion,-the Romish, perhaps, excepted. That ministers and Christians who glory in their union to Christ, should submit to be extruded from the Church of God, without examining the why, and wherefore, is out of the question. The work is one of necessary self-defence. When a mere ritual religion is placed in the stead of pure Christianity, and our salvation is made to flow through certain manipulations, the lovers of truth should not be backward to defend its for-