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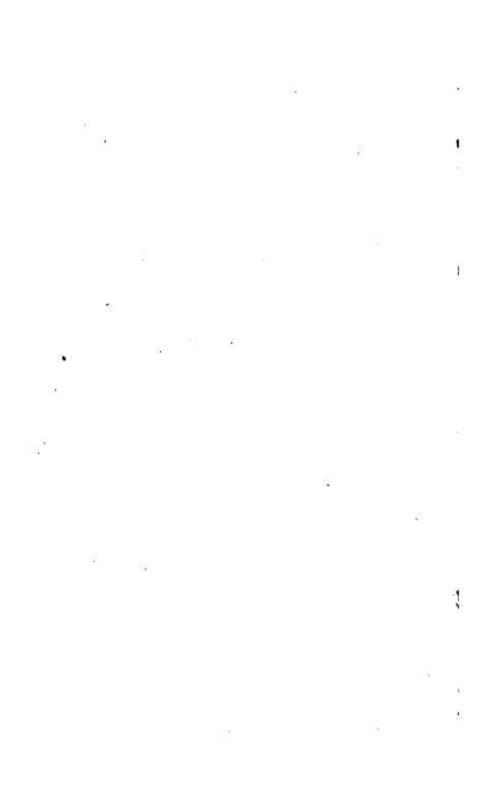
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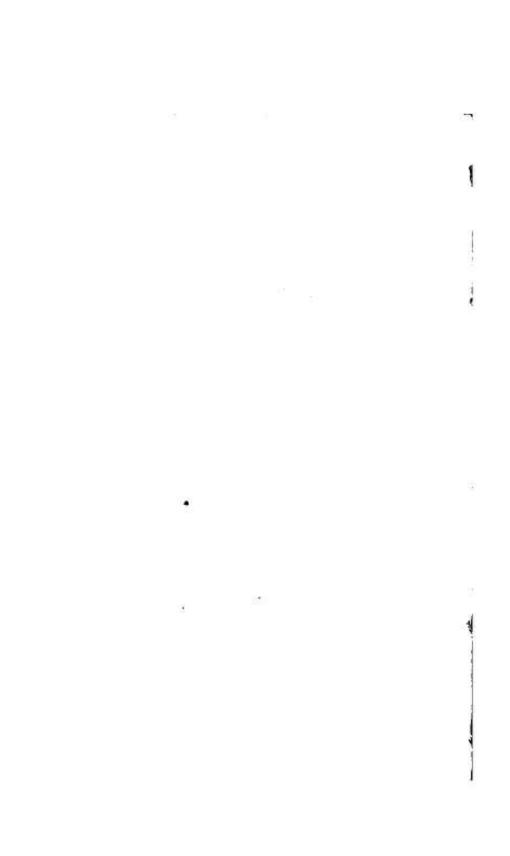
These Sermons are printed at the request of several persons, both Churchmen and Dissenters, who heard them preached. They were written with the hope that such a review of past times as is therein attempted would, if it did not aid greatly the cause of Unity, at least promote a feeling of Charity on both sides. As others have thought them calculated to do this, I send them forth, in deference to their opinion, to seek a wider audience, which they will find if they deserve it.

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#### SERMON I.

#### EARLY DISSENT.

ACTS VII. 26.

Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

VERY touching are these words of Moses. They speak the pleading of rejected kindness, the earnestness of a zeal which found itself misunderstood by those for whom it was exerted. The devoted servant of God felt the heavy task which had been laid upon him. He was to lead his countrymen forth from the land of their enemies, and he came unto them with the hope that they would appreciate his mission. He naturally trusted that the hardships they were suffering from others would bind them in close unity one with