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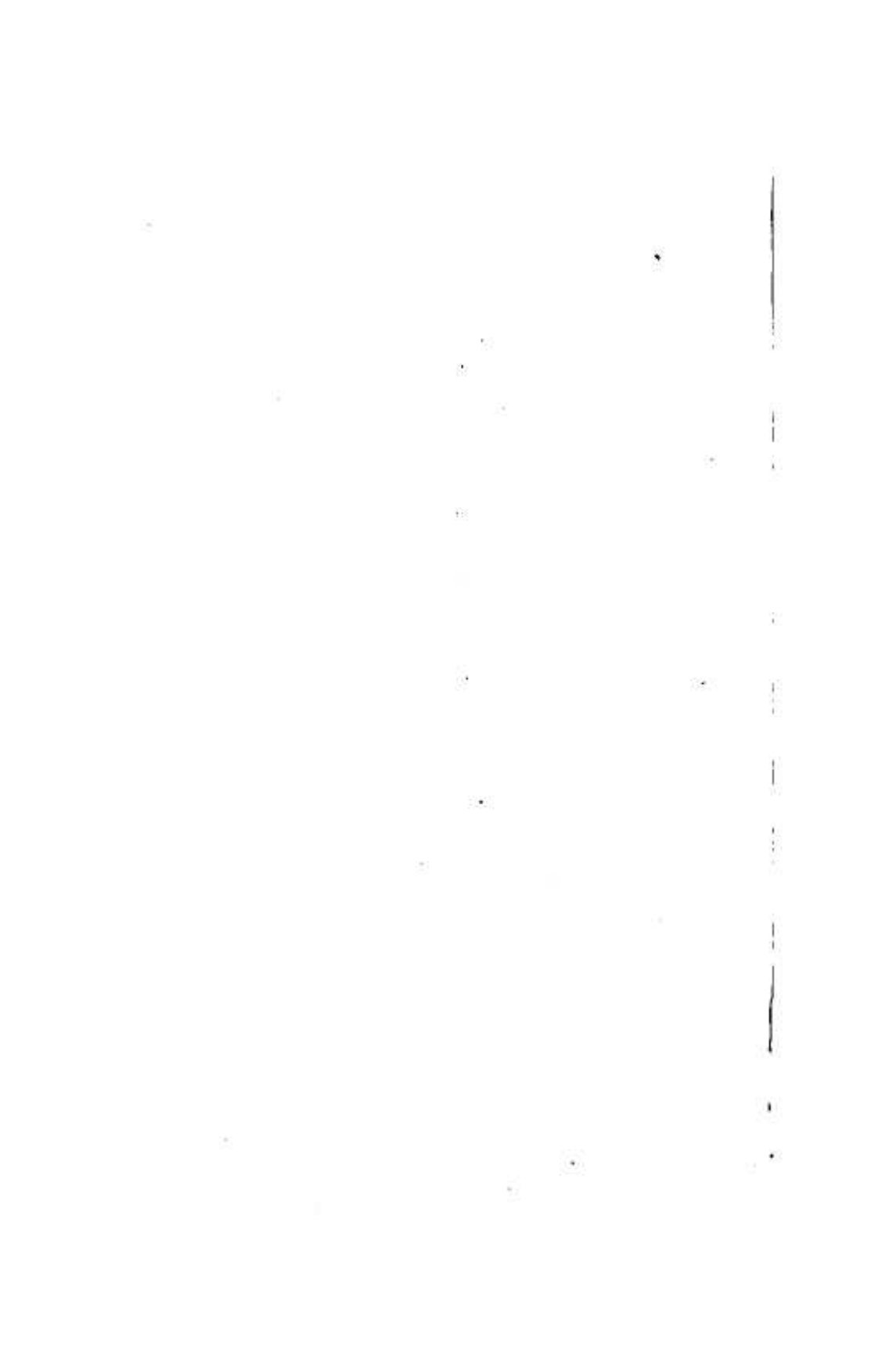
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"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election  
sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."—2 Pet. i. 10.

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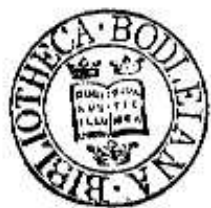
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## PREFACE.

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WHEN there are so many religious books issuing yearly from the Press, it is a matter of astonishment to the Author, that a subject so interesting and important, and so intimately connected with the chief doctrines of revelation, and with the happiness and spiritual welfare of Christians, as that of the assurance of salvation, should have been so greatly overlooked. The only modern works with which he is acquainted where the subject is professedly treated, are a most excellent essay by Dr. Wardlaw, and a short, though valuable, lecture by the Rev. J. C. Ryle. But the former of these is of a controversial nature; and in the latter it has not been the design of the author to treat the subject with much detail. From both of these works considerable assistance in the composition of this treatise has been derived.

The Author found the subject attended with greater difficulties, both of a doctrinal and of a practical nature, than he at first anticipated. The study of these, he trusts, has imparted to him,

though not new, yet clearer and more definite views of divine things, and an insight into some of the harmonies of the spiritual world. He is not so vain as to think that the Reader will agree with him in all the principles which he has laid down, or assent to all the inferences which he has drawn from them; but he can, with perfect confidence, say, that he has only written what he, after much consideration, fully believes to be the mind of Scriptura. If he be the instrument of imparting clearer views of divine truth—of raising the tone of piety of any sincere Christian—of animating the lukewarm—or of encouraging the diffident, his labours will be far more than repaid.

The Author has only farther to say, that none can be more fully sensible of the faults with which his work abounds than himself; and it is after much delay and hesitation that he now offers it to the public.

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