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## PREFACE

THE publication of this Report is felt to be an experiment. It was decided upon at an informal meeting after the conclusion of the Conference, not quite unanimously, but by a considerable preponderance of opinion; and the writer of this was entrusted with the duties of editor.

The publication was indeed open to drawbacks which, in some respects, have proved rather greater than had been anticipated. The shorthand report, on which the reproduction of the discussions depended, was not a complete success. It was a somewhat condensed version of speeches which, by the necessities of the case, were themselves condensed within the narrowest limits possible; so that the inevitable appearance of scrappiness in consequence has been increased beyond what it perhaps might have been.

I must, however, as editor, warmly acknowledge the help that has been given me by the several contributors, and by some in especial degree, in restoring the report of what they had said to a sufficiently full and readable form. The discussions were conspicuously marked, not only by the frankness which Archdeacon Wilson invited (p. 51) and of which he himself set an excellent example, but also by an effort after brevity and precision. And compressed as the result still is, I cannot but think that it will be found to map out the main lines of the important subject discussed, at once with a clearness and boldness of relief and—if I may say so—an accuracy of shading with which I doubt if it has ever been presented before.