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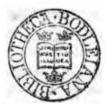
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PREFACE TO THE NEW EDITION.

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IN an age when the foundations of our faith are endangered by vague and inaccurate notions of Inspiration, it is of the utmost importance, that the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures should be vindicated, and firmly established on its proper basis. For this purpose, the writings of eminent men who have, in their own experience, successfully contended with temptations to infidelity, are highly valuable. Among these, as is well known, Professor Halyburton holds a distinguished place. His "Reason of Faith," has been pronounced by some of the most competent judges," to be equal, if not superior, to any other treatise on the same subject, in our language: and the two shorter Essays, especially the last, will be read with deep interest, by those who are desirous of attaining a well-grounded assurance of their own interest in the blessed life to come.

That great and good man was early removed from

* Dr Chalmers and Principal Cunningham.

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the church on earth, to higher service above. Had he lived to prepare the following Essays for the press, they would have appeared to much greater advantage. For, on comparing them with his inimitable sermons, it is evident that they were first thoughts, chiefly put down as they occurred at the time of writing; although the subject had been fully matured in his own mind. For this reason, the Editor has judged it necessary to deal with them as with manuscripts : observing, however, the strictest fidelity to the works of so illustrious an Author; and having no other aim but to bring out his meaning as distinctly, and as much in his own words, as possible.

R. B.

ROCKHAVEN, 23d March 1865.

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