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ERRATUM.

On page 178, 10th line from the top, for "rejected on," read "rejected without."

P R E F A C E.

THE story of Daniel has long been a favorite with children ; but, while giving due prominence to those chapters in his history which are particularly attractive to the young, I have sought specially to emphasize the lessons which it teaches to all who are engaged in business or in public life.

It was no part of my intention, at first, to attempt any exposition of the prophetic portions of the Book of Daniel ; but, as I advanced, I found them so intimately connected with his character and position that it would have been impossible to form a correct estimate, either of the man or of his influence, without taking them into account. I have therefore given some attention to the visions which were either interpreted by Daniel or given to him ; but I have no ambition to set up for an apocalyptic oracle, and have concerned myself mainly with extracting and illustrating those principles of permanent importance which seem to me to underlie the prophecies themselves.

For the rest, I lay this book where I have laid the others, at my Master's feet, and pray that he may use it for the fostering and encouragement of Biblical exposition in the pulpits, and of Biblical study in the closets, of the land.

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I.

DANIEL AT COLLEGE.

DANIEL I., 1-21.

IN entering upon a short series of discourses on the life of Daniel, I must take for granted the genuineness and authenticity of the book which has been called by his name. I am aware, indeed, that the predictions contained in this portion of Scripture are so minute, and have been so exactly fulfilled, that many have not hesitated to affirm that they must have been written after the occurrence of the events to which they refer. But the raising of objections by adversaries has only had the effect of establishing beyond the possibility of doubt the claims which have been put forth on behalf of this book by all earnest believers in its credibility. Those who wish to see what rationalistic writers have had to say against it, from the days of Porphyry, in the third century, down to those of the Essayists and Reviewers of the present generation, and how their arguments have been successfully repelled, even on the ground of criticism, may consult Dr. Pusey's "Lectures on Daniel the Prophet,"*

* "Daniel the Prophet. Nine Lectures, delivered in the Divinity School of the University of Oxford," by the Rev. E. B. Pusey, D.D.