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TO
THE PEOPLE OF WINCHESTER,

WHOSE QUESTIONS I HAVE TRIED TO ANSWER HERE,

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PREFACE



I WAS often asked, "What do Unitarians believe? Why do they believe it? and, How do they explain the Bible passages which are used to teach a different faith?" In reply, I gave a course of "WINCHESTER LECTURES," which, with a few alterations, are now presented to the public.

As for the form of the lectures, I aimed chiefly at a statement clear enough to be understood by all, and short enough to be remembered.

As for the range of topics, I took up the doctrines about which I was questioned, and none others.

As for the name of the book, I call it the "Letter," because I think it is the literal meaning of what Jesus taught in his Gospel, eighteen centuries ago; and the "Spirit," because I think it is what the Spirit of God teaches, this very day, through the spirit of man.

R. M.

WINCHESTER, MASS., Dec., 1869.