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## PREFACE.

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ON a subject of such immense importance to all men as that of the "Foundation of Belief in Immortality," it is a great advantage to have the opinions of so many able writers focussed in one volume. Every contributor was selected because he had made a special study of the subject, had published something upon it, or had become a representative of a certain phase of thought or section of the Church. By means of this volume, many who had not seen the Symposium during its progress through the pages of the *Homiletic Magazine*, will be able to ponder the weighty arguments presented.

The way in which this subject has been treated, and the favour it has received as a Symposium, have led to the arrangement for a further symposium on the cognate subject of "Probation." The question, "Is salvation possible after death?" is now being

discussed in the *Homiletic Magazine*, and will also hereafter form a companion volume to this.

In America the volumes on "Atonement" and "Inspiration" have been received with great favour, and an edition of this Symposium has already been ordered.

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## ARTICLE I.

BY REV. PREBDEY. CHAS. ADOLPHUS ROW, M.A.

**V**IEWING this subject in a purely abstract point of view, it would appear impossible to propound a question of deeper interest to the mind of man than the following: Will death be the end of my conscious existence; and if it will not, will the actions which I have done here "follow me" in the influence which they will exert on my condition beyond the grave? One would naturally suppose that the determination of this question, one way or the other, could not help exerting a powerful influence on a man's conduct in life; for if there be no hereafter, we have nothing to do but to make the best of this brief life, and die. But if, on the contrary, our conduct in this life will exercise a powerful influence on our condition in a