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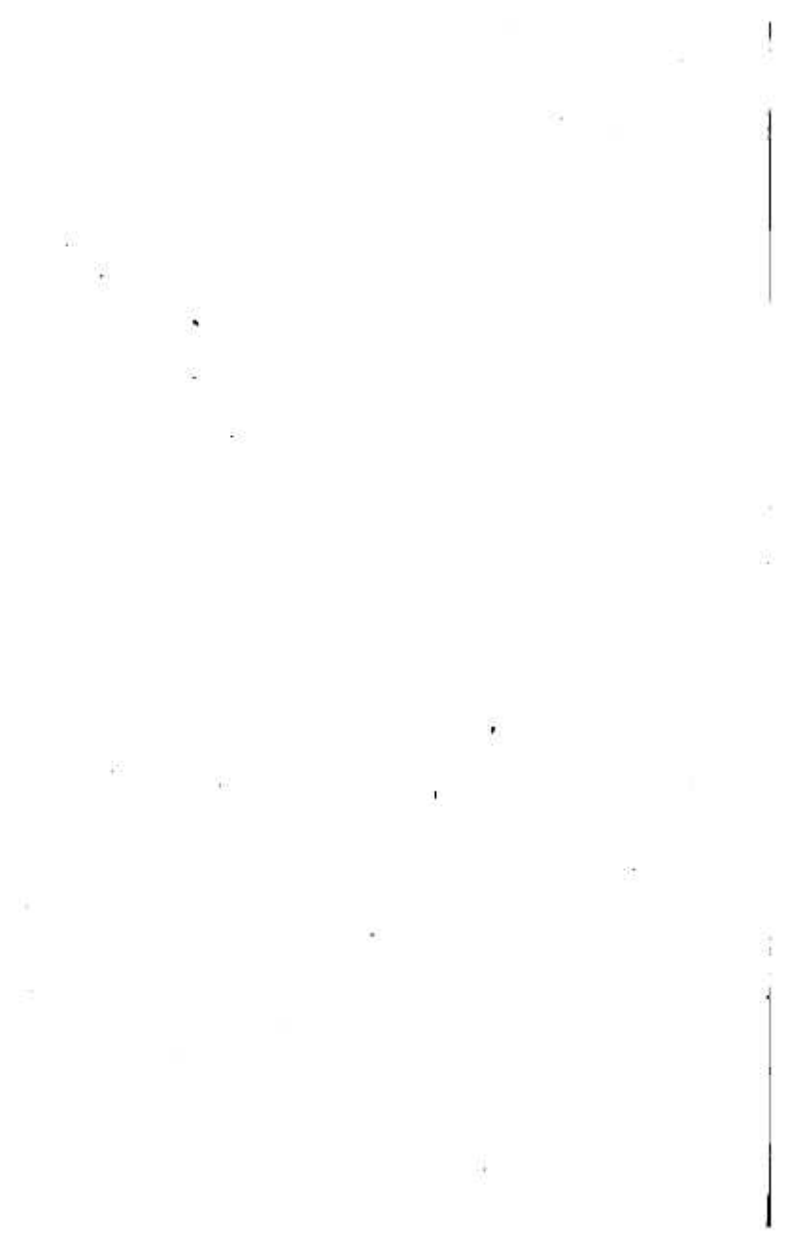
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## PREFACE.

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NONCONFORMITY and WILLINGHOOD are opposite phases of one principle—like the obverse and reverse of the same medal. The first is the proper response of the heart to man's authority in matters of religion—the last, to the authority of God. A clear recognition and a cordial appreciation of revealed truth lie at the basis of both. It occurred to the Writer, that as preparation for that grave contest which is impending—that which must settle the relation of the civil magistrate to the Church—it might prove both timely and useful to call attention to what this fealty to Divine truth implies, and to the practical modes in which it will display itself. He is anxious that they who enlist themselves in behalf of "religious freedom" should understand perfectly what it is they do—and that they may "so fight, not as one that beateth the air"—so that in this, as in other instances, "wisdom may be justified of her children." To aid in nurturing that manliness and integrity of spirit requisite to the pursuit of the emancipation of Chris-

tianity from State-bondage, was the primary design aimed at in the following essays. They appeared originally in the *Nonconformist* Newspaper—the first series in the autumn of 1844, and the last in that of 1846. They are now offered to the public, in compliance with reiterated requests, in a separate volume—and if they should succeed to any extent in enlarging or elevating the views of those who combat for perfect “liberty of conscience,” the Writer will endure with undisturbed equanimity the censure which his defects may, justly or unjustly, be thought to deserve. The object he had in view is a noble one—and he has taken pains to compass it. Even should he altogether fail, it will be some solace to him to know that with a worthy end before him “he has done what he could.”

11, TUNNELL PARK, HOLLOWAY,  
Dec. 26, 1847.