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## PREFACE

THE lectures printed in this volume were delivered, on the Haskell Foundation, in the Theological Seminary of Oberlin College, Ohio, in March of this year. No change has been made in the spoken argument except to supply some portions then omitted for lack of time.

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