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THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THESE Sermons, preached on various occasions, and in many cases at considerable intervals, are not parts of a single scheme, nor even written with direct reference to one another. Yet it was thought that they possessed sufficient unity — if not of plan, at any rate of tone and treatment — to make it desirable that, if they appeared at all, they should appear together. The author has published them at the recommendation of an old and valued friend, who had heard the greater portion, when preached in the University pulpit. He has been induced to give them a title, which is not strictly applicable to the entire number, by a wish to invite the attention of Oxford students to the earlier Sermons of the series, which he would fain hope may be of some service to them in their philosophical studies. He has endeavoured to illustrate the discourses by a few notes, containing (commonly) passages to which he had made allusion in the text, and to which he desires to call special attention. In a few of the longer notes, he has treated subjects which came nearly, though

not quite, within the scope of a discourse; and which, though they could not claim a place in the text, seemed entitled to form part of the volume. His chief object will be gained, if his labours in any way conduce to a more intelligent appreciation of Heathen systems by students, and a clearer understanding of their points of agreement or disagreement with Christianity.

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