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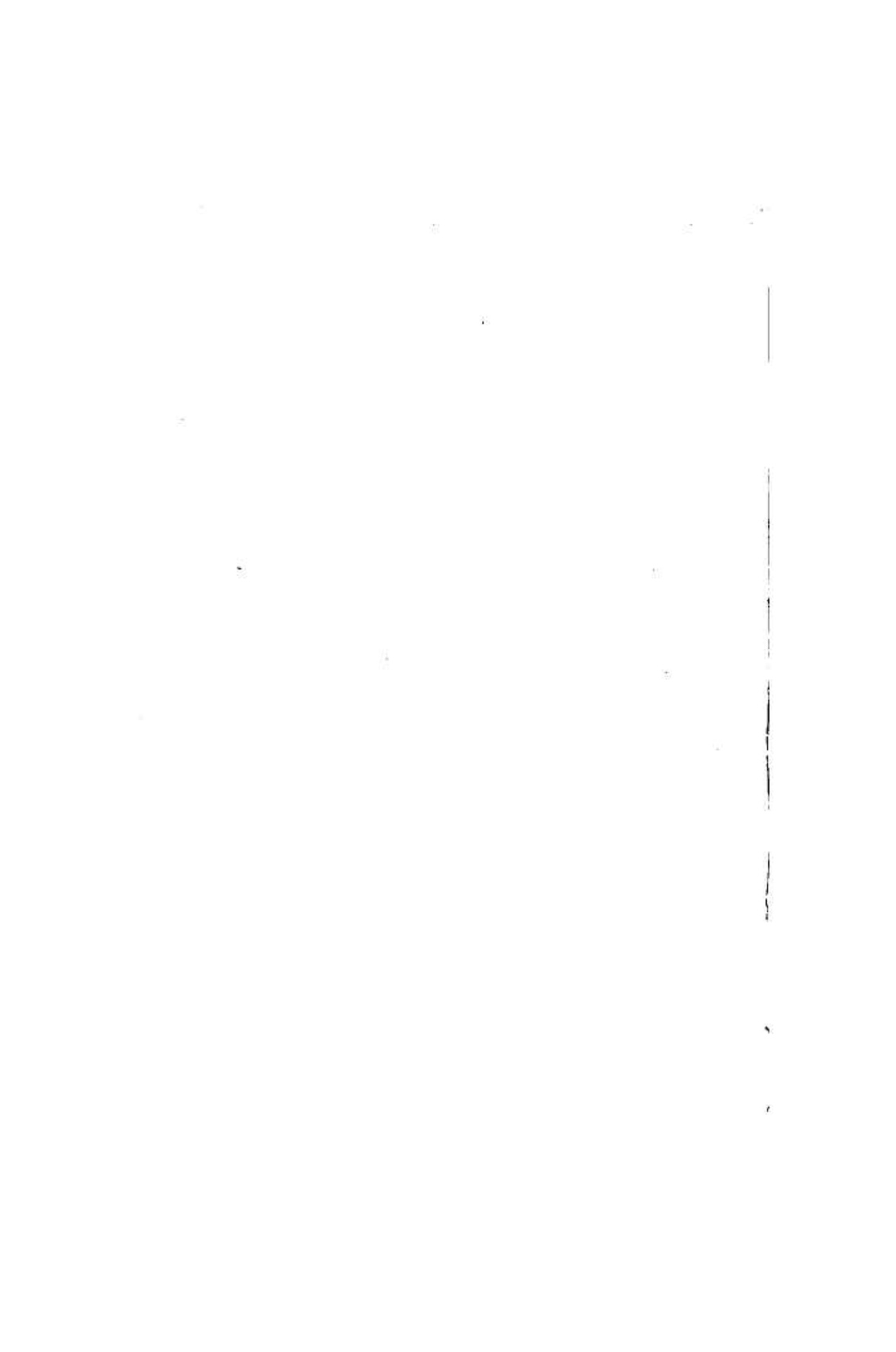
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## PREFACE

NOT long since a friend said to me that miracles which had once been a support to faith were now a stumbling-block. I made the reply that that stage was at an end, and that once more they were becoming a help, were indeed of the essence of revelation. The following lectures are an attempt to explicate that dictum. For I began to see that it is precisely that characteristic of miracles which makes them so sore a difficulty to minds with the bias of "naturalism," which endears them to men and women who are concerned rather with life than theories about life. Moreover, it became clear to me that what is true of the miraculous is no less true of other elements in the faith, of its mysteries to the intellect, of its sacraments, material yet suprarational, of its emphasis on concrete facts, of its good tidings to the sinner. And so in these four lectures I have tried to set forth a little of that distinction and romance, that extra-ordinari-

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