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"I have written to him the great things of my law; but they were counted as a strange thing."—*Moses viii. 12*

"In the first beginning of Christianity there was no such institution as the clergy, and it is conceivable that there may be a time when it shall cease to be."—*Dean Stanley*

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PREFACE.



THE following pages are presented to the candid consideration of the reader, who is asked to test the contents by the only standard recognized—the Bible. The writer has confidence in the correctness of the facts stated, the directness of the proofs adduced, the fairness of the interpretations made, the soundness of the arguments advanced, and the justness of the conclusions reached; otherwise he would not have questioned an institution—the system of the clergy—which has influenced a large proportion of Christendom for at least fifteen hundred years, under the claim that it was Divine and specially authorized of Heaven. The system is shown to be prohibited by Divine authority; to have had its history concurrent with the Apostasy from Original Christianity; and to have been derived from Judaism and Paganism through the Traditions of statecraft and priestcraft.

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