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PREFACE.



EARLY in the spring Mr. Holyoake delivered a course of lectures at Sheffield; and it seemed desirable that the immense audiences which listened to him should hear something in reply. The following lectures were delivered, I believe, a fortnight after.

The lectures are not confined to answering Mr. Holyoake, but were intended to accomplish the broader purpose of presenting a complete view of the system of Atheism.

Six lectures were to have been delivered—three on Atheism, and three on Infidelity; because Mr. Holyoake made a public assault on Christianity as well as

on Theism. But my time has been absorbed in other duties.

The composition of these lectures is not always what one would choose for oneself. While not in every part a model of chasteness of style, it is hoped that they may not be found wanting in directness and comprehensibility. Endeavour has been made to combine the exactness of philosophical exposition with the interest of abundant popular illustration.

During the last eight years, I have occasionally delivered lectures on various aspects of Atheism. In the period which has elapsed, no reason has appeared for revising the theological and philosophical opinions at first advocated. Persons who have heard any of my lectures, in Leamington and its neighbourhood; in London—Fetter Lane, Spitalfields, Waterloo Road, Tottenham Court Road, Lisson Grove, &c.; and in Sheffield, Huddersfield, and other West Riding Towns, will recognize opinions, and sometimes trains of argument and illustrations which have been presented to them before, and which most of them have strongly