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WRITERS, representing various sections of the Church, have skilfully and devoutly stated, in the pages of the *Homiletic Magazine*, their convictions on the subject of Inspiration. The question of the meaning and extent of the Inspiration of the Sacred Volume, is one that underlies almost all other theological questions. It has therefore been deemed advisable to send forth, in a compact form, the whole series of papers, which make a contribution to theological science, at once valuable for scholarship and fairness.

FREDERICK HASTINGS,

Editor of Homiletic Magazine (late Quarterly.)

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SYMPOSIUM ON INSPIRATION.

*"IN WHAT SENSE, AND WITHIN WHAT LIMITS, IS
THE BIBLE TO BE REGARDED AS THE
WORD OF GOD?"*

ARTICLE I.

BY THE REV. PROF. RADFORD THOMSON, M.A.

THE Bible may be made the basis of two completely different arguments. If the existence of a Divine Governor of the Universe be the question under consideration, the sacred volume, as an actual fact and as a moral power, may fairly be adduced as an evidence of a supernatural interposition and guidance. On the other hand, if the Divine existence and rule be acknowledged, it is allowable to bring forward the Book, and to ask whether it bears such marks as entitle it to be deemed in some special sense the workmanship of the eternal mind. It is rather under this latter aspect that I am asked to view the Scriptures in this friendly symposium.

In thinking and writing upon this theme, it is