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## PREFACE

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IN response to many requests, it has been thought best to publish the official papers in the case against Professor Briggs on account of his Inaugural Address on the Authority of Holy Scripture; and the arguments of Professor Briggs before the Presbytery of New York and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

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I.

CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK, OCTOBER 5TH, 1891.

The Committee of Prosecution, in the case of Dr. Briggs, appointed in compliance with Section 11 of the Book of Discipline, at the meeting of Presbytery in May last, report as follows:

Inasmuch as four of their number were absent in the performance of their duties as commissioners at the session of the General Assembly held at Detroit, and as Dr. Briggs had sailed for Europe, to be absent until autumn, they made a report of progress at the meeting of Presbytery in June, indicating their intention of presenting the charges and specifications at the meeting of Presbytery in October.

The Committee have decided to base charges and specifications upon what is contained in Dr. Briggs' inaugural address alone. Their reasons for adopting this course are as follows:

I. By direction of the Presbytery, the inaugural address was the original subject of inquiry by the Committee of Presbytery appointed on April 13, 1891, and it was upon the report of that Committee that a judicial investigation was instituted.

II. Because of the recent publication of the inaugural address. In this way any objection which might be made, under the limitation of Section 117, of the Book