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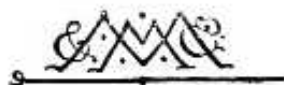
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not in bondage of the figure or shadow, but in the
freedom of spirit."

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"I will not break the certain law of Charity for a doubtful Doctrine. . . . I dare not blaspheme free and noble spirits in religion, who search after truth with indifference and ingenuitie : lest in so doing I should degenerate into a spirit of persecution in the reality of the thing, though in another guise. . . . I do beleve that the destroying of this spirit out of the Church is a peece of the Reformation, which God in these times of changes aimes at."

BENJAMIN WHICHCOTE,
Provost of King's College, 1644-59.

PREFACE

BENJAMIN JOWETT once remarked to his friends that they had spoken too much about freedom, and that their real concern was truth. Freedom is not an absolute good, as truth is ; yet it is the indispensable condition of reaching truth. From this aspect chiefly I have treated of freedom in these lectures, and, to emphasise the connection between freedom and truth, I have supplemented the lectures on freedom by a sermon on truth.

“ There is a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.” The outlook for institutional Christianity is so grave, that the time we live in would seem to call for plain speaking, without overmuch regard for “ the tradition of the elders.” If at some points I appear to call in question the traditional teaching of the Christian Church, it is at those points where I honestly believe that that teaching does not