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## P R E F A C E.

THE short Essays that follow form the substance of discourses delivered on various occasions. Requests to print each one separately have been frequently made to me, but I preferred to issue them together in a small volume. And thus they all—with the exception of the first one—appear in print now for the first time. “The Folly of Atheism” was delivered as a Lecture at Plymouth, on behalf of “The Christian Evidence Society,” on October 18, last year, to an audience of considerably over a thousand persons. The chair was occupied on the occasion by the Rev. Canon Wilkinson, D.D. Lengthy reports, coupled with very high commendations of the discourse, appeared in the Plymouth and Devonport papers. On all hands I was solicited to print the Lecture, with which request I complied, issuing it in a separate form in the early part of the present

year. "Worship and its Modern Substitutes," with some slight and unimportant variations, was preached as a Sermon in Stepney Meeting-house, on March 10, 1878; also on behalf of "The Christian Evidence Society." It formed one of a series of six discourses given on successive Sunday evenings, the other five being by leading Nonconformist ministers of various denominations. As far as I remember, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and the Rev. Dr. Angus, were of the number. "The Divinity that shapes our ends" was preached as a sermon in St. Mark's, Hartlepool, on October 29, last year, on behalf of the "Hartlepoons Christian Defence Association." And the remaining two have been delivered as discourses in various churches in England and Scotland. They have all a bearing upon Theism in one form or another, and are intended to deal with some of the various phases of scepticism that abound at the present time. No one of the Essays can of course be considered exhaustive of the subject on which it treats, nor is it designed to be so. Their aim is to discuss summarily, and in a popular manner, some of the great problems that agitate men's minds in this age.



In two previous works I have dealt with separate phases of modern anti-Christian thought, viz., Secularism and Utilitarianism, in my "Fallacies of Secularism;" and scientific unbelief, in my "Baseless Fabric of Scientific Scepticism." In the present book I take up another, that which relates to the "Existence of God and His Relationship to Man." My peculiar personal experience, added to the fact that I have now been for many years engaged in combating infidelity both on the platform and through the press, enables me to judge—more accurately perhaps than most men could—as to the nature of the doubts that so largely prevail in our midst in the present day.

My next volume—should I be spared to write another—will probably deal more directly with the Evidences of the Divine Authority of Christianity.

In the meantime, I pray for the blessing of Almighty God on this one, that it may be the means of turning many from darkness to His marvellous light.

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