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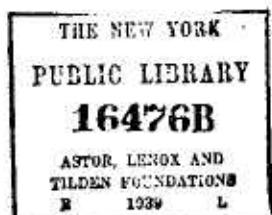
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## PREFACE

AN invitation to give the first course of lectures on the Nathaniel William Taylor foundation before the Divinity School of Yale University, with the subsequent request for their publication, furnished the occasion for the preparation of this volume. In addition to the lectures as delivered, it contains sections which were omitted because of the limitations of time.

Apologetics may strengthen the faith of believers who occupy still substantially the old ground, but who desire that objections should be answered, difficulties removed, and the traditional arguments restated. This is its ordinary task. Or it may enter completely into the modern view of the world and show that Christian truth remains. The viewpoints are so divergent that the two cannot well be united; the first minimizes intellectual changes and takes for granted much which scientific men deny, while the second ignores or surrenders much which traditional theology holds as essential. This essay takes the second course and adopts the modern view of the world. It does not attempt to