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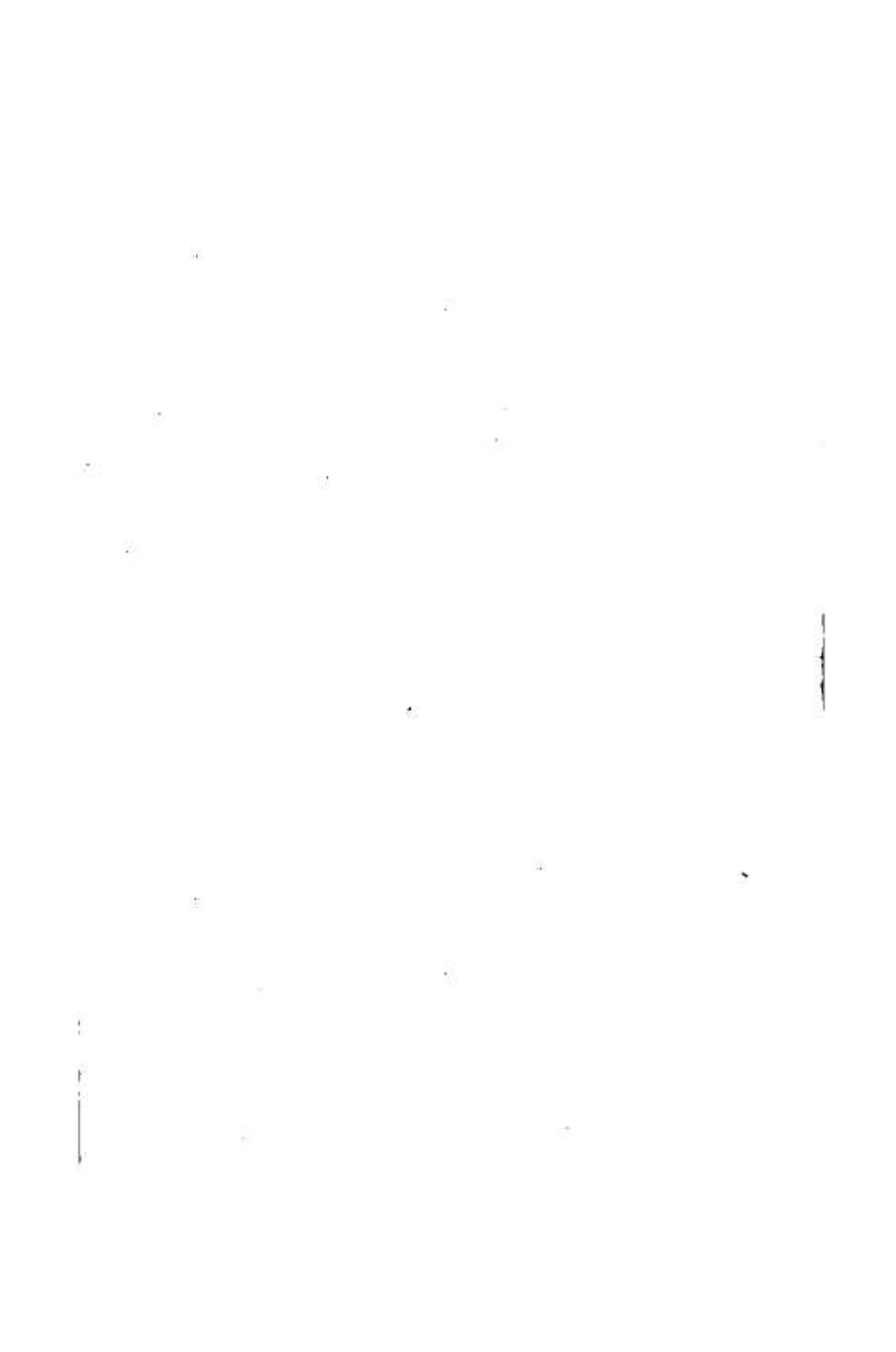
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PREFACE.

IF I have purposed that the following exposition of Scripture should assume, in print, a relatively permanent existence, it is mainly because I cherish the hope that some new light will be found in it, which may help to a solution of several difficulties connected with the passage, and so bring relief to those whose souls are now haunted by them to their perplexity and distress. I make no claim to an exhaustive treatment of the narrative in all its bearings, and neither do I profess to have settled all the great and momentous eschatological, and other questions, which it opens up. Viewing the passage, however, as voiceful throughout of merciful warning, to all of a character like to that of the "rich man," I have endeavoured, in course of the exposition, to show how unwarranted and dangerous are some of the inferences which have been attached to it, or associated with it, by certain "wise and prudent" men, from whom "better things" might

have been expected in their exegesis; and if the *exposé* may have served to revive and emphasize what, in doctrine, has been considered inconsistent with the character of God, I am not unwilling to take the responsibility of it; for I think I have "the mind of the Spirit" for it. Only this further have I to add, in quotation from a distinguished living divine, and as indicating the nature of some of the views advanced in the polemical portion of the exposition, that "if mere suffering will save any man, God has made a stupendous mistake in sending His Son to save sinners. Hell would then be more successful than the Son of God."

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