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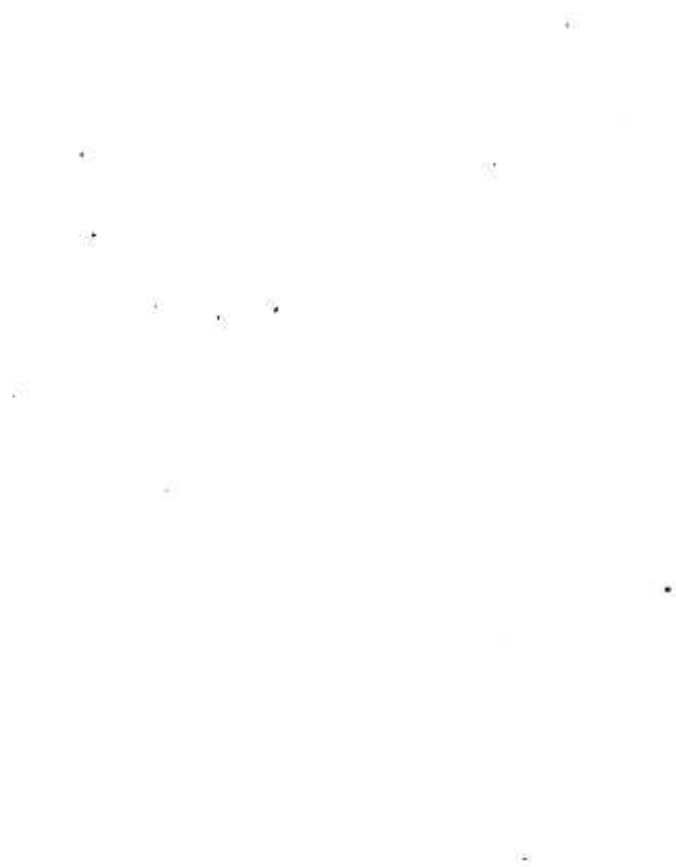
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## PREFACE.

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My aim in writing the following pages has been to set forth some aspects of the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ as shadowed forth in the Old Testament.

This great foundation truth of all true religion is frequently shadowed forth under figures and types not generally perceived. It is to three of these I have ventured to call the reader's attention, presenting, as I conceive, the great atonement under some of its most beautiful aspects, and which may not be considered unworthy of the attention of the Christian student.

Every lover of "the truth as it is in Jesus" should now direct his attention to this great

doctrine : for certain it is that the enemies of truth in every direction are fixing *their* attention upon it, with the view of sweeping it altogether from the pages of religion. If, as is asserted by the chief organ of public opinion in this country, the Church of the future is the Broad Church party, the essential features of which is a denial of inspiration, of the atonement, and all the fundamental verities of the gospel, then it behoves every Christian man who loves his Bible to stand sentry at the posts of danger.

Ministers of religion, who have solemnly sworn before God to uphold the Thirty-nine Articles of our Church, and to "banish and drive away all erroneous doctrine and teaching;" and Nonconformist ministers who have solemnly pledged themselves to uphold and be guided by the Scriptural principles of truth contained in the Westminster Confession, are, on all sides, teaching doctrines and advancing statements from their pulpits and in their writings which are only fit to be heard from the lips of deists. In short, Deism, with a



smattering of reverence for the person and life of Jesus, is the teaching heard from multitudes of our pulpits in the present day. The fundamental and distinctive doctrines of the gospel are ignored as the beliefs of a bygone age; and a miserable philosophy is substituted for all that is near and dear to the believer's soul.

One of the doctrines it has now become so fashionable among Nonconformist ministers to hold, and Church of England clergymen also, is the non-eternity of future punishments. And yet so inseparably connected is the doctrine of future eternal punishment with the doctrine of the incarnation and atonement that if one falls the other must fall with it. The non-eternity of future punishment strikes at the very root of the atonement.

What is the remedy for all this rising tide of error? Only one. Study the truth, live the truth, preach the truth. Let only one sound be heard—Jesus Christ and Him crucified. But let that sound be clear and unmistakable, with no leaven of philosophy, or

carnal wisdom, or sentimental speech. Let it be Jesus in His death and resurrection; Jesus as our only Priest and Intercessor; Jesus, and Jesus only, as the only refuge for guilty sinners, and the only hope for dying men. Oh, if all our evangelical clergy and ministers would only think of this, and act upon it, I should not fear all the heresies of the Church or the world!

This—this is *our* only hope for the Church, torn and distracted as it is with error and division. May God enable us to lay these things to heart, and may He bless every humble effort of His people to this end.

WIMBLEDON, *December 1872.*

## THE ALTAR.

“An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen : in all places wherè I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone : for if thou lift up thy tool upon it thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.”

—Exod. xx. 24-26.

“And He said unto Moses, Come up unto the Lord, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel ; and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the Lord ; but they shall not come nigh, neither shall the people go up with him. And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments : and all the people answered with one voice and said, All the words which the Lord hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and