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"But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."—Galat. 1. 8.

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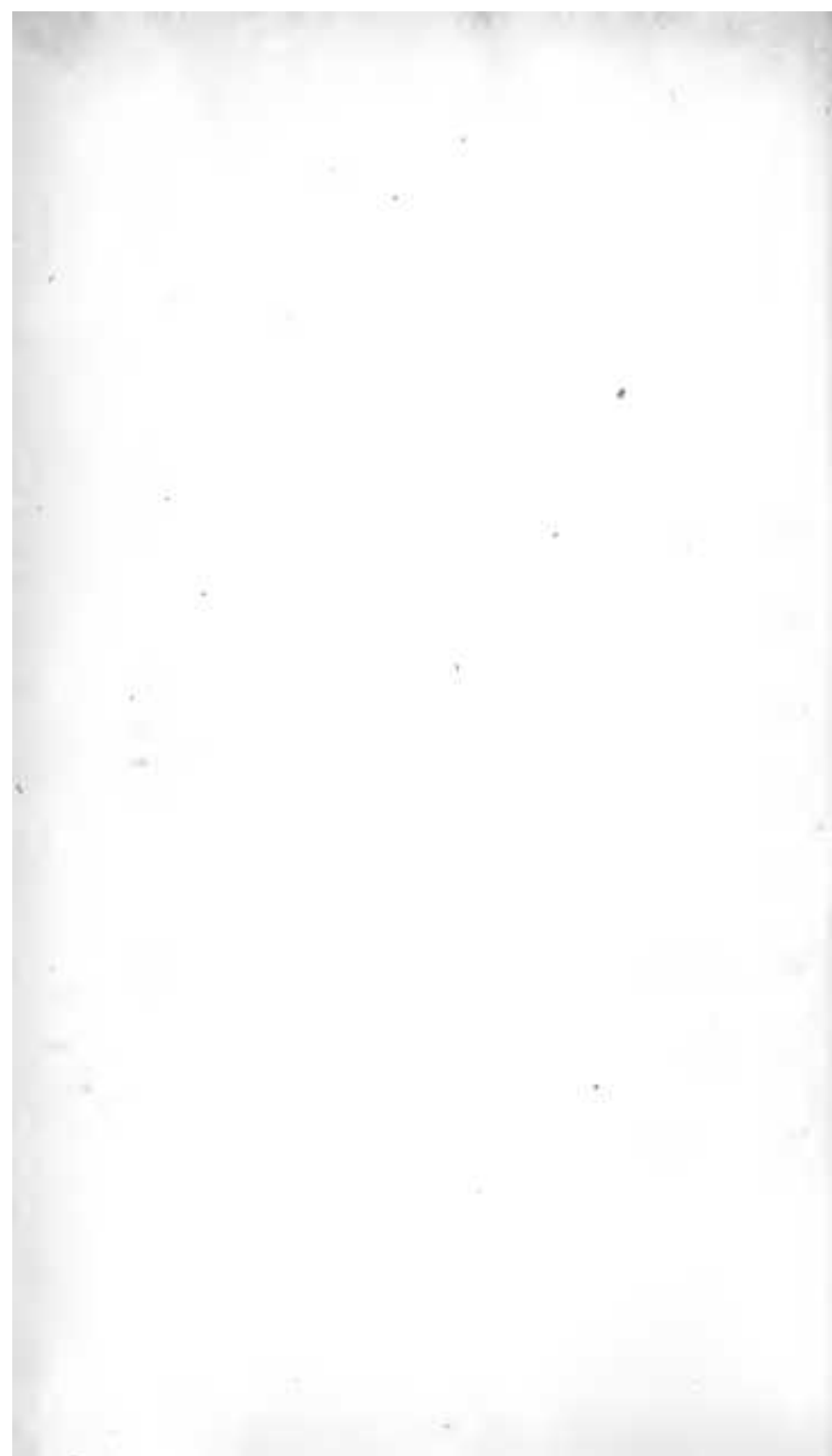
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P R E F A C E.

THESE Lectures consist mainly of a plain exposure of the inconsistencies, illogical reasonings, and unscriptural assertions of "The Essays and Reviews." They have interested and instructed many, as given from pulpit or platform. Numbers have requested their appearance in print. They are, accordingly, presented just as reported. They may, by God's blessing, guard the thoughtless many from the seductive and soul-destroying errors of what may be justly called the destructive theology.

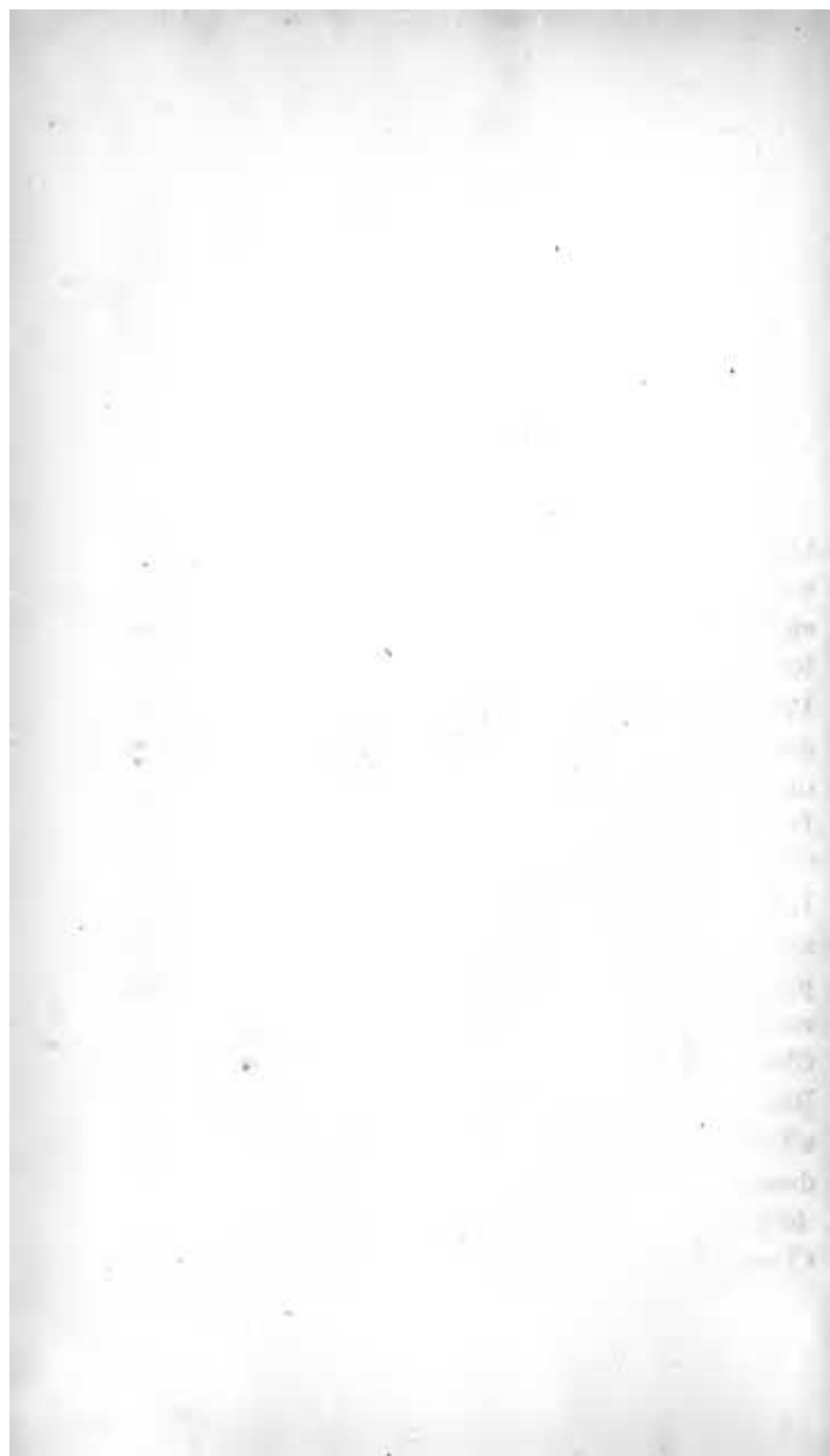
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THE SACRED SCRIPTURES.

CERTAIN divines have fastened on some things hard to be understood, and have turned them into positive and absolute absurdities. These divines are ministers of a Church whose Articles are pre-eminently Protestant—whose martyrs and reformers have been among the most illustrious. No impartial person can fail to recognize great piety in many of her Bishops, great learning in many of her presbyters. The Essays and Reviews do not contain Church of England doctrine. The book, however, has become not celebrated, for that belongs to excellence, but pre-eminently notorious. Unitarian ministers are reading it from their pulpits, and boasting that the Church of England is coming over to them. The Bishops of that Church have met to consider, and as a body have condemned it. They have unanimously denounced the book; it would seem also to be their duty to depose the writers of it. If Bishops of the Church of England cannot turn men out of the Church