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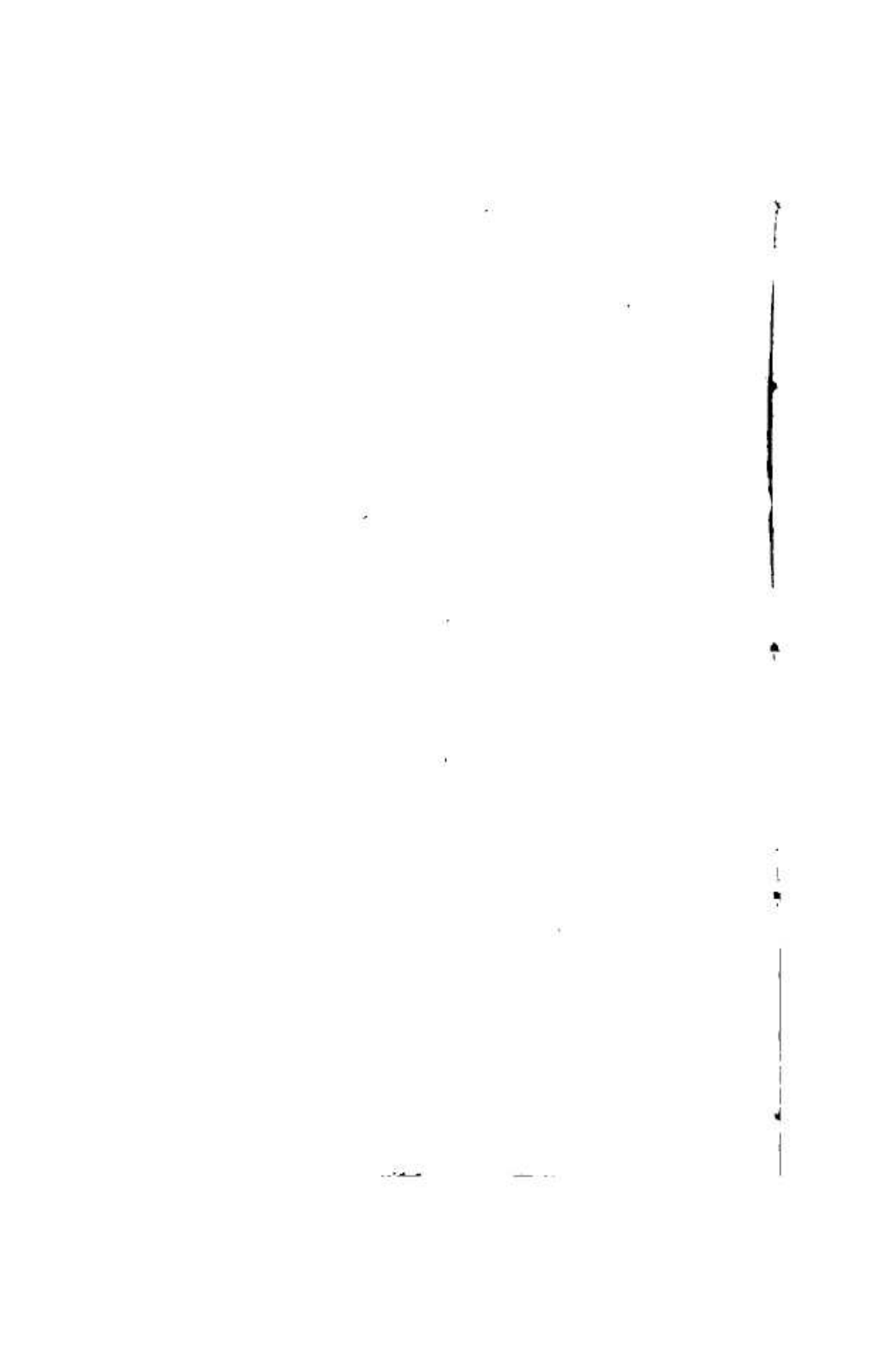
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PREFATORY NOTE.

IT is not supposed, by the Writer, that there is any essentially new argument in the following remarks. He hopes, however, that they may be found to possess a certain amount of freshness. He has regarded the subject from his own point of view.

His aim has been twofold:—to induce those who love God, and tremble at His Word, to search and see what is revealed with reference to the *subjects* of Baptism;—and to aid those who are really inquiring after the truth on that question, with suggestions of scriptural trains of thought, which they should follow out, and harmonize one way or another, if they would have a firm conviction that there is, in Holy Writ, a solid foundation for their opinion or belief. The manner in which, in a few passages, he has expressed himself, may lay him open to the suspicion that he has written for a merely sectarian purpose. He disavows such a

design. He does, indeed, esteem the question important; and thinks that all should be well persuaded in their own minds, and give effect to their convictions concerning it: at the same time he does not judge it, or any similar question of administration, to be of an importance to warrant its being made the basis of union or bond of fellowship, in a Christian community. Those who peruse the whole of his observations will, it is believed, find nothing, in their tone or scope, inconsistent with that avowal.

As he is conscious that he has been actuated, in writing, by a feeling of kindness towards those who differ from him, he may be allowed to express the hope that that feeling may be reciprocated by his readers.

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