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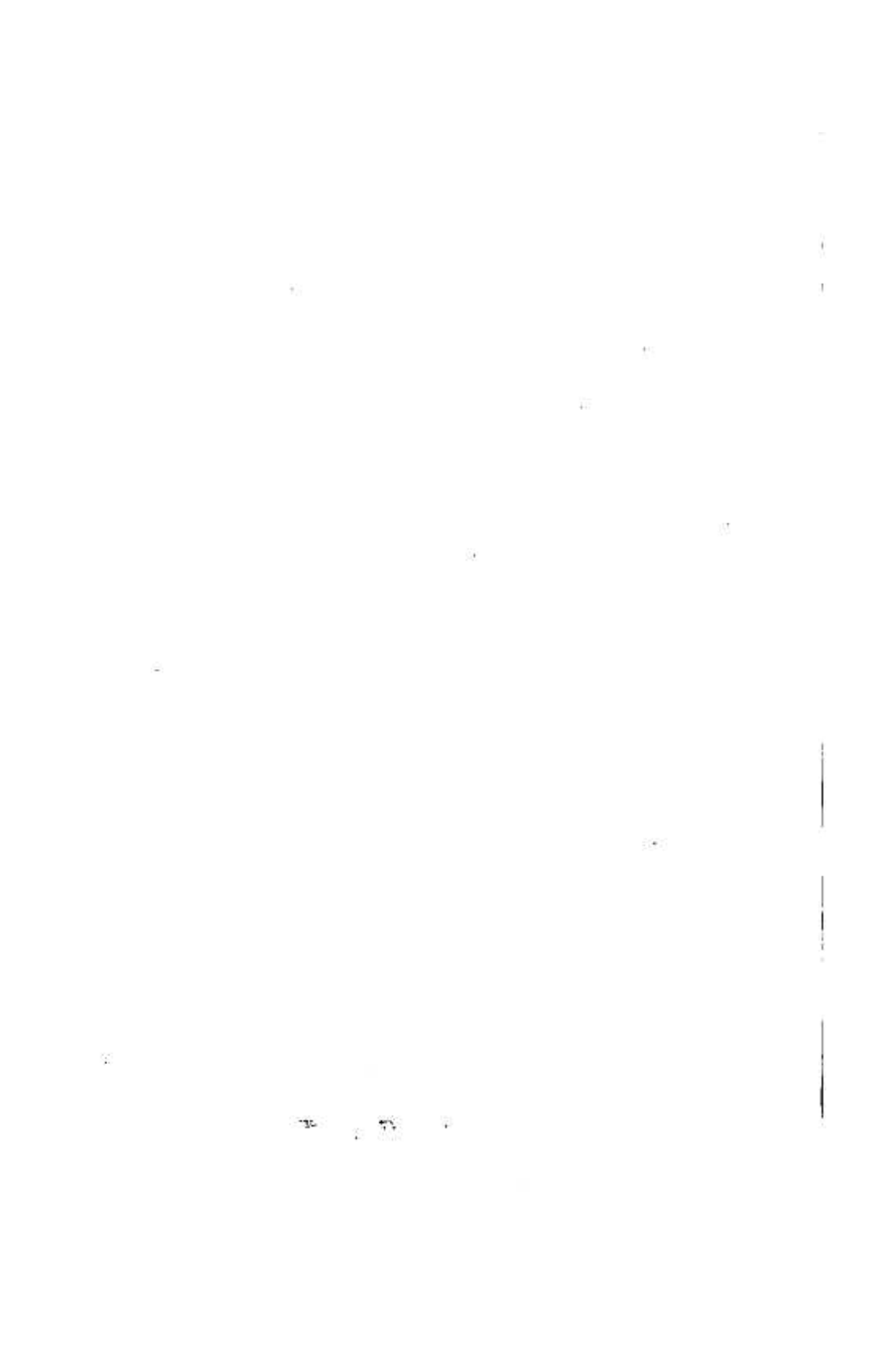
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P R E F A C E.

THE substance of this Book was delivered in my own Church, during the winter of 1870-1, in a series of popular discourses on the Bible, which were listened to with deep interest by large congregations.

As will be seen, they are simple and practical. Learned and subtle objections to the inspiration of the Scriptures have been largely circulated among the working classes, and although these have been met and answered by able men, yet their admirable works have never been accessible to the masses, and consequently could avail but little in counteracting the evil.

It struck me that too much had been made of these little objections, while the great practical argument was very much overlooked, and that it might be so presented, that the common people would understand it and feel its force. Here on the one hand is the Bible; what has it effected in the world? Here on the other hand are various systems of Atheism and Infidelity; what good have they wrought in the earth? It will be seen that all my arguments run along these practical lines of thought; and, if I mistake not, they prove conclusively that the Bible has done for the world what no other book or system has ever effected.

When I delivered these discourses, I had not the most remote idea of publishing them. Though importuned, during their delivery, to print some of them in a separate form, I persistently refused, as I did not think anything from my pen could have much claim on public

attention ; and, having delivered them, I laid them by, thankful that they had been the means of profit to a good many who had heard them. But again I have been asked to publish the whole series, and, after a good deal of hesitation, have yielded. I have given them as they were delivered, with but slight revision, throwing the whole into chapters, instead of retaining the sermon form. The style is my own in the pulpit—abrupt, fragmentary, with very little smoothness, and no elegance. Those who look for fine writing will probably throw this book aside : others, I hope, may read with profit.

My own faith in the precious Bible has been greatly strengthened while pursuing these thoughts. I care little for those small objections which are being urged with such pertinacity, while I have the triumphant proof of its divinity, in the blessed influence it has had upon the hearts and lives of men.