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P R E F A C E.

I PERHAPS ought to apologize for adding one to the many writings in answer to Bishop Colenso. My first motive was a wish to reassure those students in Divinity who attend my lectures at Cambridge; and I proposed to myself chiefly to exhibit the arguments of others popularly and compendiously to my class. I found, however, that the Second Part of the Bishop's Book, and especially his arguments from the Psalms, had been but slightly touched on by my predecessors. I had carefully examined the Psalms, with reference to those arguments, and I thought that I could clearly prove that the Bishop had read them awry. I have therefore tried to furnish a simple answer to the general argument against the authenticity of the Pentateuch, but especially to that portion of it which has been least handled by others, and which, from its appeal to philology, is most likely to impose upon all such as mistake the unknown for the magnificent.

I trust I have nowhere expressed myself with the bitterness or insolence of controversy. Deeply

as I regret the course which the Bishop of Natal has taken, widely and painfully as I differ from him, I know him to be a man in whom there is very much to esteem, and I feel that he deserves all credit for his former selfdenying labours in the cause of the Gospel.

The following Lectures are printed nearly word for word as they were delivered, which must be their excuse for the didactic form, which they sometimes assume.

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