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TO HER

RIGHT HONOURABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND

CHARLES JAMES,

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MY LORD,

THROUGH your Lordship's kindness I was appointed to the BOYLE LECTURESHIP; the same kindness has permitted me to relinquish it at the end of one year. I take the liberty of presenting to your Lordship the Discourses of that year. The study of the subject which is considered in them has been most interesting and comforting to myself; I shall be thankful indeed if it should prove of any use to my countrymen. Desiring for the Church universal, for that portion especially over which your Lordship presides, and for your Lordship personally, all the blessings of this season,

I have the honour to be,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's very obliged Servant,

F. D. MAURICE.

December, 1846.

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PREFACE.

THE substance of these Lectures was delivered, according to the directions of Boyle's Will, in one of the London Churches, on the first Mondays of certain months in the years 1845 and 1846. Though it is not imperative on the preacher to print his Discourses, it has been the custom to do so. Indeed the intention of the Founder seems to be scarcely fulfilled by addressing a series of Sermons on subjects requiring some attention, at distant intervals, to the eight or ten persons who in the present times compose an ordinary week-day congregation. In preparing them for publication I have omitted the texts, which were little more than mottoes, and have altered the forms of language which belong especially to pulpit composition.

The object of the Lectures will, I hope, be sufficiently intelligible to those who read them. But it is a duty to speak of some writers who have discussed the same subjects, and to whom I am indebted.

In the first Lecture, I have not touched upon the question which is considered in Mr. Forster's *Mahometanism Unveiled*. My business was with popular views upon the subject, not with learned and ingenious