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ON  
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BASED ON  
BISHOP PEARSON'S EXPOSITION,  
AND ADAPTED TO THE USE OF  
JUNIOR STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY AND PUPILS IN TRAINING  
COLLEGES FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL MASTERS.

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BISHOP BETHELL.

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"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a  
reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

1 PET. iii. 15.

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TO THE RIGHT REVEREND  
JAMES COLQUHOUN CAMPBELL, D.D.,  
BISHOP OF BANGOR.

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MY LORD,

I VENTURE to dedicate this little book to your Lordship, that I may publicly testify my sense of an unsolicited honour which you conferred upon me at the recent outset of your Episcopate, when I was entirely a stranger to you. You then asked me to be your Examining Chaplain, as I had before been for many years, together with Archdeacon Jones, to your venerated predecessor, my dear friend and benefactor, Bishop Bethell. To your respect for that great and good Prelate, and my long and intimate connexion with him, I must alone attribute this distinction, and the confidence you have reposed in me. That I shall endeavour to deserve and re-

tain your favourable opinion will, I trust, be proved by our future intercourse. That you may live in health and happiness for many more years than I can expect to see, and that you may ever be enabled by our Divine Lord and Master, "in holiness and righteousness to serve Him," in that part of His Church over which He has called you to preside, is the sanguine hope and earnest prayer of

Your Lordship's

Obliged and faithful servant,

J. W. TREVOR.



## NOTICE

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THE following pages had been prepared for the press, when for the first time my attention was directed by an eminent divine to two books on the same subject, which have been for some years before the public: "An Analysis of Bishop Pearson's Exposition of the Creed," by the late very learned Professor Mill, and "Examination Questions" on the same work, by the Rev. C. A. Swainson. These books leave nothing to be desired by scholars and the more advanced students in theology. But the plan on which each has been designed and executed differs widely from that which I proposed to myself. The "Analysis" is an admirable digest of the "Exposition," most useful to those who are qualified to understand and appreciate it; but it is beyond the scope of the uninitiated reader. In the "Examination Questions," the answers to them are either not given at all, or are left to be gathered from marginal references to Pearson and from copious and valuable notes, which, not being arranged synoptically with the questions, may be overlooked or disregarded.

The present compilation is designed for a humbler purpose, and is therefore arranged in a simpler form.

Each question is followed by its own answer in logical sequence, after the manner of catechisms. Such questions chiefly are proposed as seem necessary for the right proof and understanding of each Article of the Creed; and it is hoped that the answers will be found to have been faithfully compiled in accordance with the statements of the "Exposition."

It must be remembered that these pages are intended to aid the *junior* students in theology, to test their progress, and to stimulate them to greater proficiency; and perhaps they will be serviceable both to teachers and pupils in our Training Institutions and some of our Parochial Schools.

The reader who requires information on the Creed which this book does not contain, will readily find it in the original work of Bishop Pearson, by the help of the able treatises to which I have referred.

If this little work should meet with a favourable reception, it is my intention to publish a version of it in the Welsh language for the use of my countrymen, of whom it has been said, on high authority, that "they readily appreciate theological reasoning, and may be said to have a theological mind; and therefore they the more require sound and sober guidance by books either written in or translated into their own language."

J. W. T.

Llanbeulan Rectory, Anglesey,  
31st July, 1859.

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