

tains that they are not inconsistent with Scripture rightly interpreted. The work is by no means a catechism; but the greater part of it is in the form of question and answer. It is considerably condensed, and will be relished chiefly by professional students; though it is not at all intended exclusively for them. Indeed the author tells us that it originated in connection with the immediate work of instructing the members of his pastoral charge, and that several parts of it were delivered to his congregation every Sabbath night. It is accordingly rather popular in its composition, and while far from light reading, is quite intelligible to any one willing to make it a subject of study.

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