

P R E F A C E.

DURING last winter, the author of the following pages delivered, on week-day evenings, a course of eleven lectures on the Poetry and Literature of the Bible, to the congregation of which he is Minister. In the humble hope, that some of the views therein advanced might, if committed to print, prove more generally and permanently useful, especially to the young people of his charge, he has been induced to condense the substance of a few of these lectures within the limits of a short pamphlet.

In an age, such as this, when mind is so active, it cannot be a useless effort to commend the Bible to the intellect, and to endeavour to secure for it the respect of the taste and understanding. To do so may often win for it a way to the heart. We must respect before we can love. On this idea the following tract is founded; and is offered as something but imperfectly suggestive towards such a result.

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