

ably on my part, took a more controversial form than otherwise it would have taken. At the close of the meeting a free invitation was given to any present to ask an explanation of any difficult texts bearing on the subject. This, then, accounts for the form of this lecture.

And now, at the request of earnest Christian friends, it is given to the public, with the fervent prayer that it may be helpful to some humble seeker after truth. If the ardour of *extempore* address has produced any utterances that may seem to have been intended to wound the feelings of any, instead of commanding the assent of the judgment, we can only say that we always wish to exercise the greatest possible charity towards all.

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