

M O T T O—

"Fair discussion is the hand-maid of Truth."

PREFACE TO THE READER.

THE following sheets were written some years ago, in reply to a certain pamphlet published in Lanark in the year 18 by the Rev. Dr. GEMMILL. and was then intended for the press, —but unavoidable difficulties prevented its publication to the present time. The author has no pretensions to originality of thought, nor ~~in~~ *Subli* mity in diction,—and his only object is to illicit truth. He has simply followed the scriptures, and some who have already candidly written upon them. And all he wishes from his readers, is a fair and candid comparison of his statements with the general scope and bearing of the scriptures on the subject.

Should these sheets be favourably received by the public, they will be followed in the spring, by a few letters on primitive christianity addressed to a friend.

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