

## PREFACE.

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THE Lectures contained in this volume were delivered to audiences consisting almost exclusively of working men, and are intended to deal with some of the objections to revealed religion that are current amongst them. This will explain the allusions that are made in some of the Lectures, and will supply the reason for dwelling more emphatically upon some of the points which are introduced, as being points which, it is known, are felt or regarded as special difficulties by those to whom the Lectures were addressed.

At the close of each Lecture, discussion was invited, and three speeches followed on either side, of ten minutes in duration. It will be seen that reference is made in several places to the subsequent discussion.

The Lecture on the "Historical Evidence of the