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PREFACE.

In response to a request from Eddy Lodge, No. 41, A. F. and A. M. of Hull, G. R. Quebec, and by the consent of the Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers, Esq., of Quebec City, I have put together the following ideas on the fundamental principles of Free-masonry ; and I delivered them in the form of a lecture before the public in Zion Church, Hull, on the 9th June, 1898. Another request from Eddy Lodge, for the publication of the lecture in pamphlet form, resulted in my handing over the manuscript to this lodge for the good of the order.

Concerning my line of argument in the treatment of love and benevolence, I must express my indebtedness to an essay on the philosophy of religion by Dr. Thos. Dick.

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