

Reasonable Apprehensions and Re-assuring Hints: Being Papers Designed to attract attention to the Nature of Modern Unbelief, and to meet some of its Fundamental Assumptions. By REV. HENRY FOOTMAN, M.A., Vicar of Nocton, Lincoln. New York: James Pott & Co., 12 Astor Place. 16mo, 173 pages.

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