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PREFACE.

The following pages contain what is believed to be a fair and candid synopsis of the arguments used on both sides in the debate. The notes are necessarily brief, having been taken for publication in the columns of the local newspaper, but it is believed that their perusal will give a just idea of the arguments.

The discussion arose through the acceptance in a friendly spirit of a challenge given by the friends of Mr. Dunn, who consequently took the affirmative of the proposition. The proceedings of each evening were opened by Mr. Dunn, who spoke half an hour, followed by Dr. Washington for half an hour, when each speaker again occupied half an hour, which terminated the debate for the evening. No formal decision was given at the close by either Chairman or audience.

It is hoped that the perusal of these pages will exhibit to the reader in a clear light, the utter groundlessness of the materialistic theory of man's nature, its irreconcilability with science, scripture and common sense, and the reasonableness and agreement with Holy Writ of the grand old doctrine of the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.