

urged upon the speaker. With these requests, it was not possible to comply, inasmuch as the address was delivered from imperfect notes and had not been fully reported.

The speaker, however, agreed to take the same subject as the theme of a Lecture which he had been invited to deliver at the close of the Session of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and to reproduce as far as suitable for that occasion, the general train of the argument, and then to give it to the public through the Press.

Such is the origin of the following Lecture. Its history may account for its assuming a less academic and more popular form than it might otherwise have taken. The writer, however, is not aware that he has, in any instance, sacrificed accuracy of statement, or correctness of argument to popular effect. He is satisfied that enough will be found, within the small compass of this Lecture, to show how baseless are the pretensions put forth on behalf of Romanism and its vaunted Rule of Faith.

In the Appendix certain additional points are referred to, which the limits of a single Lecture did not enable him to overtake.

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