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THE following "Lectures" were originally intended for the benefit of the Connexion in the present scene of the writer's labour. This, to some extent, invests the discussion with the appearance of adaptation to wants and circumstances *peculiar* and *local*; yet it is thought that these traits will not be detrimental, either to the interest, or usefulness of the following pages, as the Body in this Province is called upon, year after year, to establish Societies, where we have hitherto possessed no Connexional interest; and under circumstances which will be found closely to resemble those which have characterised the establishment of our cause at Whitchurch.

The first Lecture, on "The Pacific Spirit of the Christian," is preliminary. In the subsequent Lectures, the language of inspiration, the testimony of history, and the voice of reason, are brought to bear on the important subject under discussion. That but little is contained in these pages, compared to the amount of evidence which might be adduced for the establishment of the positions advocated, the writer does not question. But he hopes that the evidence furnished on each topic discussed, will be found, to the unprejudiced mind, both conclusive and satisfactory.

Intended, however, as these pages were, for the exposition of our principles of Church Government in a particular locality, it was not until some friends, in whom the writer placed confidence, had employed repeated and earnest entreaty, that he consented to give them to the public. And should they be found, in any degree, subservient to the promotion of the cause of Religious Liberty, and the extension of a Scriptural form of Church Government, the writer, while giving to God all the glory, will feel his most sanguine expectations realized.

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