

PREFATORY.

THE theme discussed in the following lecture was assigned to the lecturer by the Theological Union of the London Conference of the Methodist Church. Had we been left to select our subject, another and less difficult one would have been our choice.

To keep the lecture within reasonable limits we have been compelled to confine our attention to the general features and salient points of the subject discussed. We hope that we have not in any part sacrificed clearness to condensation.

In our discussion of this important theme, we have assumed the following points:

1. The Existence of a Personal God, infinitely wise and good.
2. That He is abundantly capable of making a revelation of himself and of His purposes to man.
3. That it is antecedently probable that God would make such revelation to the human race.
4. That man is capable of apprehending such revelation, otherwise it would not be made, if God is wise and good.