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### *THE GENESIS OF ERROR.*

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ONE of the most discouraging aspects of theological study is the variety of theological opinion, which meets us everywhere. It may be most conspicuous in the department of Church History; but it is almost equally manifest in Systematic Theology, which has been developed by discussion and all manner of controversy. This diversity of opinion, attended with prevalence of error, is displayed on every subject—such as the Nature of God and His Knowableness, the doctrine of the Trinity in various particulars, creation, human nature, the nature of sin, redemption, faith, repentance, justification, holiness, death, resurrection, the intermediate state, the law as to its obligation, its office in conversion and the Christian life, the work of the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, a future life, etc. The whole field of study bristles with weapons of war and resounds with the cries or shibboleths of the combatants. Instead of being a field which the Lord has blessed with peace, beauty and fruitfulness, it is covered with briars and thorns which lacerate the traveller. There is not a single topic on which there are not two or more conflicting opinions. Many of these controversies are not