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O Lord, pardon my three sins.

I have in contemplation clothed in form Thee who art formless:

I have in praise described Thee who art ineffable:

And in visiting shrines I have ignored Thine omnipresence.

(Sankara, eighth cent. A.D. India.)



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PORTION of this book was read in the first instance as a paper to the Cambridge University Theological Society. In response to a number of requests for its publication I now present it in a revised and slightly enlarged form, with the addition of some further extracts in illustration of the subject, and also a few notes based on the discussion which followed the reading of the paper. My main object is to lay before the educated Christian public the facts about localisation, and to enable them to decide for themselves without prejudice the proper place which sacramental ordinances should occupy in the religious life.

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