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## PREFATORY NOTE

I HAVE been asked to say a few explanatory words in regard to the Course of Lectures contained in this volume. It has been customary that there should be some lectures on theological subjects at the Summer Meetings which have from time to time taken place at Cambridge in connexion with the University Local Lectures' system. The Committee of the Local Lectures, when arranging for such a Course this year, held that it ought to deal directly with those difficulties for Christian Theism which are raised by the spectacle of conflict and suffering in the world—difficulties which have long been more or less familiar to thoughtful minds, but which are, perhaps, more acutely and widely felt at the present moment, owing to the circumstances of the time, than they ever were before.

The attendance at this course of lectures, and the remarks made by many who heard them, shewed that not a few of those, who had gathered for the Summer Meeting mainly in order to hear lectures on subjects of an entirely different character, were earnestly concerned about the grave problems here treated, and grateful for any help in reflecting

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upon them. It is hoped that some of these hearers may be glad to have the lectures in a permanent form, and that others, too, who were not present will welcome their publication.

It should be added that there was no consultation among the lecturers as to the treatment of the subjects allotted to them, and that they are responsible only for what they have individually said. But in spite of this independence, and of the fact that the subjects of the lectures, more especially those of the first seven, are intimately connected, it will not, I think, be found that there is needless repetition, or that there are serious discrepancies of thought.

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