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FAITHFUL TO FREEDOM AND TO TRUTH,

This Volume

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

BY

ONE OF HIS PUPILS.
THE brief "Manual of the Evidences of Christianity," published in 1866, was intended chiefly as a class-book. In preparing it, however, the author could not have satisfied himself or others, had he acted merely as a compiler. The arguments brought against historical Christianity in our age are very different from those which were formerly urged; the attitude of its opponents is more respectful, their theories are more ingenious, their pleas more specious, than in former times. Recent investigation has shown new means of defence for the truth, while it compels the candid defender to hesitate before using some that were formerly employed. In preparing, therefore, a small volume for the use of Academic and Sunday Classes, the author felt it his duty to go over the whole ground accepting no conclusion and repeating no argument of previous writers without such examination as should convince his own mind that no valid objection lies against it.

The preparation of the "Manual," therefore, led
results which could not be compressed within the limited volume. During the three years which have since passed, the author has devoted the leisure he could command to further researches in the same direction. With this fresh labor he has combined a revision of his former studies, and of articles published from time to time in the "Christian Examiner" and the "Monthly Religious Magazine." He has endeavored to avoid repeating what he had said in the "Manual," except where this was necessary to clearness of expression. To several friends, whose aid has been kindly given to his investigations, he returns his grateful acknowledgment.

It is but just to himself to state, that this work was far advanced, and the first two or three chapters of it in the printer’s hands, before he saw either of the valuable articles, by Dr. James Freeman Clarke, now publishing in the "Atlantic Monthly Magazine."

The present work, though connected with the former, may be read independently of it; nor does it supersede the other for the purpose for which that was designed. The two, however, may most suitably be used in succession; the "Manual" as giving to the student a general view of the subject, and this book as investigating more fully those portions of it which are, at the present time, of most interest and importance.

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