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TO THE BEST OF MY SCHOOLMASTERS

E. G. H.

WITH ABIDING GRATITUDE AND RESPECT

In quanto sine peccato possumus, vitare proximorum scandalum debemus. Si autem de veritate scandalum sumitur, utilius permittitur nasci scandalum quam veritas relinquatur.

S. Gregorii Magni *Homiliarum in Ezechielem*
lib. I. Hom. VII. § 5.

Le plus grand dérèglement de l'esprit, c'est de croire les choses parce qu'on veut qu'elles soient, et non parce qu'on a vu qu'elles sont en effet.

Bossuet, *De la connaissance de Dieu et de soi-même*, Chap. I. § 16.

Wrap not yourself round in the associations of years past; nor determine that to be truth which you wish to be so, nor make an idol of cherished anticipations. Time is short, eternity is long.

J. H. Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, 1845, ch. XII.

PREFACE

THESE lectures were delivered to a mixed audience at Cambridge during the Michaelmas Term of 1918, and I must heartily thank those hearers and friends whose criticisms have enabled me to explain or correct the text. If the notes and appendix have thus swollen to many times the bulk originally contemplated, it may still be hoped that some readers will find, here and there, more than a controversial interest in this supplementary matter.

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