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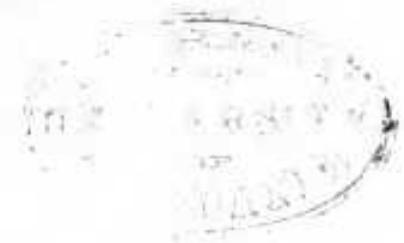
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INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

THE following articles are mostly reprinted from various periodicals. The Sermon by Dr. Dewey, which closes the volume, has not been published before, and the Discourses by Mr. King are reprinted from a pamphlet.

The occasion of all these papers was a sermon of Dr. Huntington, in which, after having occupied a Unitarian pulpit for a long number of years, he asserted and defended the Church doctrine of the Trinity. Such an event made it necessary for his brethren and friends in the Unitarian ranks to reconsider their position. When one so able and earnest as Dr. Huntington was led to renounce the doctrine they had so long preached in common, a due respect to him, as well as regard to the truth, required them to give a careful and patient attention to his reasons.

The results of the re-examination of their doctrinal position appeared in several articles in Unitarian periodicals, and sermons from Unitarian pulpits. The arguments of Professor Huntington were in general candidly examined and fully answered. The result of the discussion is apparently not unfavorable to the Unitarian side of the question. None of the reasons of Professor Huntington seemed weighty enough to change the views of his former friends, or to induce any of them to imitate his example. When the dust of the conflict cleared away, the forces of the Unitarians were found occupying their former position, or perhaps one a little in advance.

The result would perhaps have been different if Professor Huntington had reached any new and large statement of the Trinity, which should take up into itself and harmonize the old antagonisms. Such a statement might have carried the whole Church forward to a higher and more commanding platform. But when, instead, he only fell back on the old formulas, he confessed his inability to reconcile the contradictions which had so long separated persons equally intelligent, pious, and sincere. The old Trinitarian statement

had never satisfied Unitarians, — the Unitarian statement had not satisfied Trinitarians. Obviously, therefore, a new statement was needed, more comprehensive and profound than either. Merely to reassert the old doctrine, was to leave the difficulty where he found it. To declare that the majority of the Church was on the side of the Trinitarians, was to utter a truism. To contend that the Trinity was the only source of Christian piety and humanity, was to hazard a generalization somewhat larger than the facts seemed to warrant. Consequently, the new position taken by Dr. Huntington is significant only as regards himself, insignificant as regards the general doctrinal tendencies of the Church. Its only meaning is that the Trinity suits his peculiar tendency of mind better than the Unity.

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DR. HUNTINGTON ON THE TRINITY.*

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IN the volume of Sermons thus designated we gratefully acknowledge a rich contribution to homiletic literature, and not only so, but a real addition to the sentimental life of the time. Dr. Huntington gives proof in these discourses of a special vocation for the preacher's office, not always or often manifest in otherwise able and worthy divines. A born *ecclesiastes*, and not merely a man of fine powers, who from taste or accidental determination has assumed the function. It needs something more than distinguished ability,—more than learning and “humane eloquence,” however coupled with purity of manners and acquiescence in the creed of the Church,

* The extra-large edition of the *Christian Examiner* for March, 1860, in which this article appeared, having been exhausted, the proprietor of that journal permits its republication in this volume.