

## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

I REGRET much that the publication of the following Lectures has been so long delayed. Literary engagements which it was impossible to lay aside rendered an earlier preparation of the Notes impossible ; and without them it seemed to me that the Lectures ought not to be given to the public. Considering the importance of the subject, I could have wished to devote even much longer time to this part of the work than I have been able to secure for it. With some verbal alterations, and the insertion of a few passages omitted in their delivery, the Lectures are now published exactly as they were preached. I issue them under a deep sense of their deficiencies ; and my utmost hope is that they may help to direct the attention of others to the great subject of which they treat, so that it may be more thoroughly studied and more successfully unfolded. The field of thought embraced by the Resurrection of our Lord, in the light in which it is

here presented, demands greater attention at the hands of our Scottish Theologians than it has hitherto received ; and it is by the united labours of many, rather than by the efforts of a few, that, at least in Theology, the truth is won. May the Risen Lord bless to the edifying of His Church the effort now made to set forth the glory of His Resurrection and of His Resurrection-state.

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