

PROFESSOR J. GRESHAM MACHEN

His Life and Defence of the Bible

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PREFACE

As I have come to the end of the work I feel that it is altogether fitting for me to express my deep gratitude to all these who have helped me in my theological course of training.

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