THE BOGOMILS

OF

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OR,

The Early Protestants of the East.

AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE SOME LOST LEAVES OF PROTESTANT HISTORY.

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