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PREFACE

A PECULIAR and pathetic interest attaches to this volume of collected essays by "J.B."—to use his familiar signature, by which he will be affectionately remembered in every quarter of the globe. They include his latest writings, and the delicate thread of his life must have been almost at breaking-point when some of them were penned. Yet there is not the slightest trace of any failure of his marvellous powers. The intelligence is as clear and keen, the heart as warm and sensitive, the insight as sure and penetrating, as ever, while the sense of humour, the genial consciousness of the ironies of life, seems positively to grow more vivid as the writer feels himself coming close to the mystery and the revelation we call death. In spite of infirmities, "J.B." was joyous and fearless and full of hope to the end, because his confidence was strong in the Goodness that is the Soul of all things, in the Fatherhood that controls the lives and destinies of men. Nothing could daunt his faith, for he always saw so clearly how much there is to fortify belief in God. That is the underlying conviction and inspiration of this series of essays, which therefore fitly bears the title of "Faith's Certainties."

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