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PREFACE

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THE following Discourses have a common subject—the teaching of our Divine Lord and Master. That even on the nature and limits of Inspiration is intended mainly to throw light on the Inspiration by which Jesus spake. But obviously our Lord's teaching may be regarded from many different points of view, and can indeed only be adequately apprehended when so approached. Thus, if it had relation, as it clearly had, to contemporary beliefs and practices, it must be useful to exhibit these as fully and plainly as our historical resources will permit. An effort has accordingly been made to sketch the religious opinions of the Jews of the first century, especially such of them as are glanced at in the Gospels, in the Discourses on "Christ's Surroundings."

Again, as our Lord's teaching must have been conditioned subjectively by His own Nature, and the character of His spiritual intuition, an attempt has been made, it is hoped reverently, to determine the relation of our Lord's Divinity to His human knowledge, in the Sermon on "The Limitations of our Lord's Knowledge."

As, again, it helps us greatly to understand any system of teaching, if we can penetrate to the master-thought from which it radiates, and by which it is pervaded, inspired, and guided, I have sought to supply to the reader this assistance in the Sermon on "The Master-Thought of Christ's Teaching."

Finally, in the last Sermon in this volume, I have endeavoured to display the ethical perfection of our Saviour's teaching in sharper and clearer outline, by contrasting it with those imperfect apprehensions of it which His followers have gained in our own and former ages.

There are other points of view, I doubt not, from which the manifold lights of this perfect crystal of Divine truth might be perceived and enjoyed, but meantime I trust that those which have been caught from the stations marked in these Sermons are really rays from the Divine light of the world, scintillations from the Divine glory, which may serve to illumine our darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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