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DEDICATION

This book is addressed to all earnest students of Life, and gratefully inscribed to the sweet singer who, in the midst of her triumphs in Opera, renounced a brilliant public career to aid in making these researches. Except for that generous aid this exposition of what we hold to be a scientific *renaissance* of Christianity, would hardly have appeared.

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INTRODUCTION

THE line of research indicated by the title of this work, was first undertaken in 1876, and the work, itself, as it at present stands, has been antedated by several minor volumes treating of the same subject, marking the progress of investigation, namely:—

Living Matter, published in 1888.

Pluricellular Man, 1893.

Long Life, 1896.

Natural Salvation (three editions), 1903.

Salvation by Science, 1913.

Forty years ago less clear ideas prevailed as to the nature and condition of matter than to-day. The electron had not then been discovered. Atoms and molecules were the *ultima Thule* of the physicist and chemist. The concept of a potency for sentience, impregnating matter universally, was, as yet, but vaguely entertained. Scientific opinion was moving in this direction, however, as the following citation from *Living Matter* will show.

“In the past, and largely as a necessity of theological tenets, matter has been depicted as the lifeless material of a manufactured universe. The physical science of to-day postulates matter, not as lifeless, but as primarily sentient; not the inert substance of a created world, but the living substance of a self-acting universe; that matter is itself *creative* of phenomena by virtue of that sentient attribute with which the ultimate atom is endowed and possessed. It portrays a universe, acting without interference. Impelled by a sentient attribute, matter moves and returns to itself