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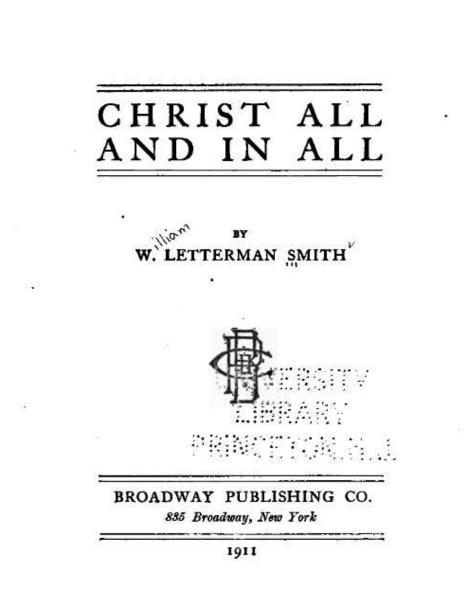
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This is a plain book for plain people.

The subject is one of vast scope and of inestimable importance. No attempt has been made to treat it exhaustively. It is hoped, however, that enough is presented to stimulate the reader to further study and research along this line; and, above all, that they who read may be fully persuaded of the fact that "Christ is all, and in all"; that he is the Christ of God, the Saviour of men; and that so believing may be led to admit the Christ into heart and life that each in his own individual experience may prove that Christ is indeed all, and in all.

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CHRIST ALL.

"Christ," says the Apostle Paul, "is all, and in all" (Colossians, 3:11). And of himself Jesus the Christ declared, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the ending" (Revelation, 1:11 and 8).—The all, and in all. This is a tremendous claim, which no one before or since has dared to make. Can it be substantiated?

No one in all the ages has so attracted the attention and fixed the gaze of men, concentrated their thought upon himself, touched and moulded their characters and lives, and influenced them to such an extent as this Jesus, who is called the Christ. Leave him and his religion out of human history and individual lives and the residue would be poor and worthless indeed. The loss would be irreparable. So that in all fairness it may be said, as Paul puts it, that "Christ is all, and in all."

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