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To

ALBERT DAWSON

**Editor of the Christian Commonwealth,
A dear Friend and Fellow-worker,
with Gratitude, Appreciation, and
Sincere Brotherly Regard**



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PRELUDE

THE following sermons were most of them preached in the City Temple, London, during the month of July, 1916, and are here gathered into a volume, in answer to many requests, from the pages of *The Christian Commonwealth*, of London, in which a sermon by the author appears each week. The preacher went as an Ambassador of Goodwill from the great Republic to the great Empire, as a Messenger of Brotherly Love from the Churches of America to the Churches of England; and he was received with a courtesy, a hospitality, and a spirit of fellowship never to be forgotten. As long as he lives he will carry in his heart the memory of those vast assemblies that greeted him in the Temple, and the faces of the dear friends who gave him their hearts to keep.

England in war-time, subdued, suffering, heroic; London a hospital and a hive of industry; a nation cemented by one spirit of service and sacrifice, united on one sense of duty and of destiny; all ranks vowed to one motto, "Every man do his bit—and stick it"; everywhere the hauntings of history, everywhere the thrill and throb of a New History in the making—such was the scene in

which these sermons have their setting. If they deal with different themes, they have a unity of spirit, as they have one passion and one purpose: to make vivid the truth as it is in Jesus, deeper than all dogmas, larger than all creeds, and equal to every emergency, every calamity, every problem, whether of peace or of war.

Amid the welter of world-war, with its measureless tragedy and woe, one fact rises like a pulse of fire in a dark sky—that the Eternal Christ is the solitary hope of our poor humanity, in England, in America, everywhere. He is all that we have left, and He is all that we need; His Life our Way, His Truth our Light, His Spirit our Bond of Unity, His Fellowship our Sanctuary of Cleansing for the worship of God and the service of Man. If these sermons make the Living Christ more real to those who walk a shadowy way, and thereby induce a sweeter sense of security amidst the unrealities of time, they will have done what they were sincerely meant to do.

J. F. N.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

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