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TO YOU
MY READER

In these times, vital with every form of social unrest, I would stir within you the thought of individual responsibility, responsibility in parenthood, in the true freedom of married life, in friendships, and in your life-work. And through all remember you are one unit in the great brotherhood of man. Realize this through direct communion with God, and work with this Divine Sympathizer.

Emerson says, "Let no one stand between you and the Father."

PREFACE

What do men live for? Supreme happiness or satisfaction? The supreme happiness is the highest happiness, is spiritual satisfaction; and it comes in a feeling of radiant victory born of nobility of action. It is thankfulness and joy at noble heights maintained when tempted—the living up to the ideal, the feeling of greater security and strength after the “conflict” won. All this is growth upward, onward. We become more unselfish, more universal with a glimpse of a larger happiness for all concerned—that is growth toward the ideal—toward God.

Now this feeling of radiant victory may grow and grow so that we become filled with it, and conscious of oneness with all goodness, all love and all unselfishness, that is conscious with God. The personality of God dawns more and more as we become conscious that we are seeking to be good and true and unselfish for Some-One, a Some-One who runs the great universe, a Some-One far above and beyond us, who is drawing and loving and leading us on and up, to a wondrous light of pure love and joy.

Preface

I have wished here to write the story of every human heart, and to show its differing phases.

I have tried to express our progress toward the ideal, our constant relation to God, through the cycle of our life—our soul-life in God. This little volume is dedicated by an older child, longing to enlarge upon and emphasize for everyone the near relation, and the deeply joyous relation, of the individual to his Heavenly Father. From the glory of the cradle, on through youth's stress and strain, and up toward pure love and marriage and friendship and achievement and a growing God-consciousness with its growing joy, toward and beyond the beautiful wonder of death.

Do we not believe with reason that God is a loving and joyous God, wisely directing His own glorious plans? Then must we not seek to follow after Him! We will not trust in our own old short-sighted love and puerile joy, but in His noble love and exalted joy! This is the God I see.

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