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PREFACE

Preparation for the work both of the teacher and preacher—the study of psychology and general pedagogy, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ—and the application of these principles, as teacher, principal of high school, superintendent of city schools, county superintendent of schools, and college president, and the effort to apply the methods of Jesus in the Christian ministry led to a comparison of the personality, methods, and aim of the Great Teacher with the ideas taught by the authors of modern pedagogy and of psychology.

This work, covering a number of years, gave the inspiration to write these chapters, though many of the ideas were first expressed in sermons and addresses on various occasions, and in articles contributed to several school magazines during the past few years. The effort to put them in the present form was begun only about a year ago.

My purpose has been to prepare in convenient form a text-book of Christian pedagogics for students, teachers, and preachers, believing that no teacher has ever been truer to life than Jesus Christ; that no pedagogical material is more suggestive of right general principles to the teacher of any subject; and that a deeper appreciation of the teaching of Jesus, a fuller understanding of the Gospels, a richer experience, and a more efficient teaching and preaching will result from this comparative study—that is, the study of the personality of Jesus, finding expression

through a physical organism, his methods, and aim, as a teacher, in terms of modern pedagogics and psychology. If this little volume fills to any extent this mission, I shall be amply repaid for the effort.

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