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THIS volume is one of three volumes which make one book: "The Great Companion"; "The Other Room"; "The Temple." They are not books of Theology; they are books of Religion. Religion is the life of God in the soul of man; Theology is what men have thought about that life. The object of these books is not to define, but to describe; not to defend, but to portray.

The object of "The Great Companion" is to describe the Christian's faith in God. This faith is not an opinion; it is an experience. It is not the belief that there is a Great First Cause; it is personal acquaintance with an Infinite Father. It is an experience of the Friendliness of God.

The object of "The Other Room" is not

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to prove immortality, but to describe it. Faith in immortality is not belief in life after death; it is life now. It is not an opinion that the spirit will live after the body decays. It is a life untouched by disaster to the body. It is a habit of mind; the habit of looking on the things that are unseen and are eternal.

The object of "The Temple" is not to expound the philosophies of either the psychologist or the physiologist. It is to describe human experience: as it is and as it ought to be; to interpret the laws both of the body and of the spirit. It is to describe human nature.

The first volume portrays the Christian's faith in God; the second volume, his faith in life; the third volume, his faith in man.

All these books are interpretations. They claim no originality. They interpret the Bible, that is the treasured experience of devout souls. The spirit of the first is "Say

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Our Father"; that of the second is "I give unto them Eternal Life"; that of the third is "Thou hast made him little lower than God, thou hast crowned him with glory and honor."

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