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Preface.

It is with much diffidence that I send forth this little book. There are so many other little books of a religious complexion in the world, all well-intentioned and some ably written, that perhaps I deserve blame for adding to the number. But the truth is that each little book has its own legitimate field of usefulness, in which it primarily works,—namely, the circle of the writer's friends. It supplements oral teaching, whether public or private, and drives it home. It stereotypes lessons which else might be forgotten. It is useful as a record and a reminder.

If these lectures of mine have any other reason for existing, it must be sought in their special character, as (1) addressed to a single class of hearers, and (2) appealing not so much to the emotions as to the mind. My object has been to make my readers *think*, and think on some of the most important subjects which can engage their attention. Schoolmasters do not hesitate to tax the mental energy of their pupils in the ordinary departments of study. Is there any ground for sparing it in the department of moral and religious truth?

I hope it will be remembered that these addresses are not chapel-sermons. They deal with Christianity almost exclusively on the ethical side. Definite teaching, historical and dogmatic, should go before them and follow after. Of this, thank God, there is seldom any lack at a Public School; and I have built upon the knowledge accordingly. The ideal life at every stage will have the same animating spirit. Root and flower will be joined by a single stem. "Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ."

E. C. L.

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May, 1885.



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