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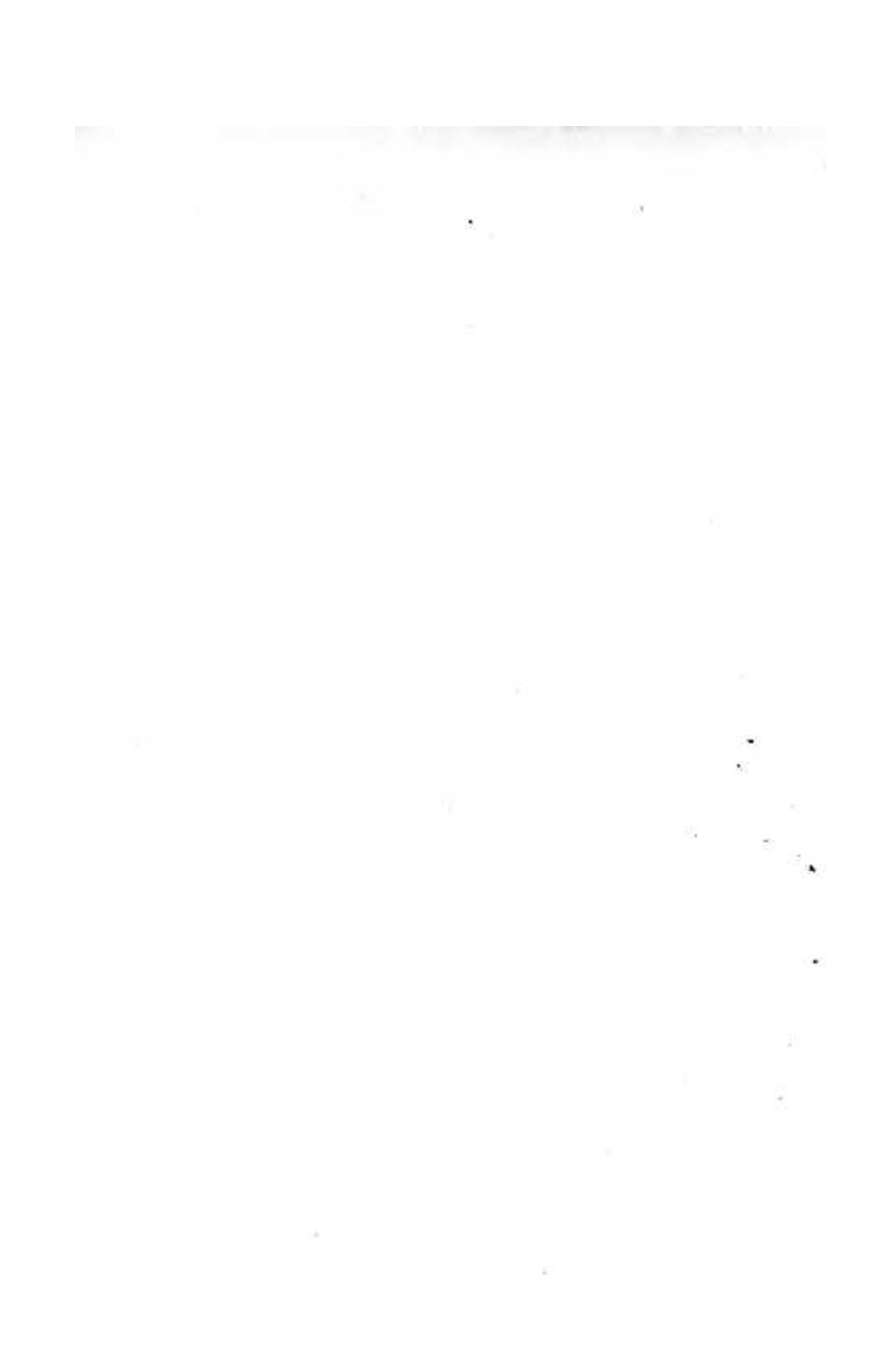
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TO
MY WIFE



PREFACE

THIS little book is meant as a first guide to those who are studying the problems of Eschatology, and who wish to do so in the full light of history and faith. These two interests, accordingly, have throughout been kept in view. By saying so much, I hope that I sufficiently indicate what is and what is not to be looked for in the pages that follow. The volume was planned and in great part written before the outbreak of war, but the subject of which it treats, and especially the great themes of death, immortality and the life everlasting, have now laid hold upon all hearts with new power. Evidences abound on every side that not for a century has interest in these matters been so widespread and so profound. The war has made a new heaven; let us trust that it may aid in making a new earth.

For kind help in reading proofs of the first edition I am under a deep obligation to my friend and colleague, the Rev. Prof. H. A. A. Kennedy, D.D., whose suggestions much contributed to improve the text.

Some part of the best literature for those who wish to pursue the study of this field is mentioned in the text or footnotes. Here let me name, as valuable and quite recent additions to the eschatologist's library, Prof. A. E. Taylor's essay on "Immortality" in the collection *The Faith and the War*, Dr. S. H. Mellone's *Eternal Life Here and Hereafter*, and Principal Griffith-Jones' *Immortality and the Faith*.

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