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PREFACE

THIS little book is not a learned treatise on systematic theology; it is designed for the thoughtful layman rather than for the technical scholar. There are books in abundance which will meet the need of the theologian or the philosopher as this one does not attempt to do.

There are thousands of people who have lost confidence in the doctrinal statements accepted by them in earlier days as the very words of eternal life. They have an uneasy feeling because "the traditional phrases of religious speech do not set forth with unstrained naturalness and transparent sincerity the facts of their religious lives." Some of them have thrown away all such statements and are offering their devotions at the altar of an "Unknown God." Others with more conservative instincts have retained the phrases but with a yearning to have them restated in terms of actual life. It was with their questioning and expectant attitude in mind that these chapters were written.