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P R E F A C E

IT is time for those of us who are this side of thirty-five to unite and take back our Jesus. We have been too carelessly generous. We have allowed Him to be appropriated here, there, and everywhere until we have forgotten how indisputable is our own first claim to Him. We have surrendered His statues to cathedrals and hospitals and — Heaven forgive us — even to monasteries. We have looked on unprotestingly while painters have made Him soft-faced, and effeminate; and hymn-writers have written of His sufferings as though that were all in His life worth writing about. We have only ourselves to blame, if out of all the repellent medley of hospitals and monasteries and weak pictures and spiritless hymns, the public has formed its own conception of a tired, unhappy, martyred Jesus who lived