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FOREWORD

Jesus is probably the most widely known character of history. Certainly he is the one who has most deeply stirred the emotions of humanity. For nearly nineteen hundred years men have been praying to him and cursing by him. Men still die for love of him and sometimes kill his disciples for hate of his name. And yet neither his enemies nor those of us to whom he is Friend, and More-Than-Friend, know enough about him. These Studies from the Christian Gospels are intended to bring out certain main points in his life and teaching that will help those who use them to know more about him and to have more to do with him. If any who are indifferent to him use them it is hoped that they will find him here a challenge, at first perhaps to curiosity, but finally to conscience and conduct.

New beginnings in human progress during the last nineteen hundred years have been marked by new interest in him. At each step forward men have found in him new light on the meaning of life, on the meaning of the world that is seen and the world that is unseen. Now once more a New Age seems coming to birth. While men of many nationalities from the States and Provinces of North America are coming together to join with men across both oceans in warring for a better world it is fit that we too should think together about Jesus, as our fathers did before us. It is from

him that men of all nations will learn to call God their Father and to plan together even in the red light of war for brotherhood, international, world-wide, and everlasting.

Oberlin, Ohio.
June 6, 1917.

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