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TO MY WIFE

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

ISAIAH AND ST. PAUL.

PREFACE

It has seemed to the writer that there was evident room for a book of this character. There have been numerous and able discussions, in late years, upon the theme of immortality, and the public interest in it is unabated. Nevertheless, there are comparatively few volumes now in circulation which, in compact form, traverse the entire question in a general way from the modern standpoint, and appeal to the mass of readers. While most treatises are of high value, some are exhaustive and voluminous and others are technical or specialized in the treatment of some definite phase of the vast problem.

We have tried to furnish a plain argument in the form of literature, concise enough to be acceptable to busy people, and avoiding undue theological abstractions. We have allowed our reasonings the larger range instead of choosing some specific and limited section of the field. To introduce to their knowledge authorities liable to be overlooked by lay readers, we have drawn freely

—both in poetry and prose—from many quarters.

The author has had mostly in view the needs of Christian believers. He does not imagine that there is any widespread skepticism concerning immortality, although the doctrine is being constantly and insidiously attacked. But in this age, when philosophy and science have done so much to reassure believers and to make clearer the fundamental rationality of their creed, presentations of the concurrent testimony of reason and revelation have received large and grateful welcome.

It is our prayer that this volume may strengthen the convictions, support the hopes, console the hearts, and inspire to walk worthy of their high calling followers of Christ who have already accepted his great apostle's sublime conclusion, that this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

CINCINNATI, May 1, 1902.