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## TO

ALL WHO HAVE LONGED TO ADORE IN-FINITE LOVE AND RIGHT AND TRUTH; WHO HAVE SOUGHT AND HAVE NOT YET FOUND.

THIS LITTLE BOOK IS DEDICATED

BY

## ONE WHO ONCE SOUGHT

IN GREAT DARKNESS, AND WHO, IN THE MIDST OF THAT DARKNESS, RESOLVED TO SHARE THE PATE OF ALL HIS BROTHERS, LIGHT OR NO LIGHT, HRAVEN OR NO HEAVEN. THE MOMENT THAT RESOLVE WAS MADE, THE HEAVENS WERE OPENED, AND THE LIGHT OF GOD SHONE ROUND ABOUT HIM.

SIXTY YEARS HAVE PASSED AWAY, BUT THAT LIGHT SHINES ON. BELOVED FRIENDS, MAY YOU ALSO FIND THAT LIGHT, AND REJOICE IN ITS SHINING!

> S. R. CALTHROP November 28, 1912 Thanksgiving Day



## PREFACE

Professor Jacks, of Oxford, Editor of the Hibbert Journal, pleads eloquently on behalf of the Plain Man who really wants to know something about the Universe which surrounds him, and who goes in all earnestness and simplicity to the chosen Teachers of Philosophy, whom Oxford has appointed to instruct him, and yet finds to his astonishment and almost despair, that he cannot understand one single word they say.

In his trenchant article in the Hibbert Journal he quotes (I fear of malice prepense) half a page from the latest light Oxford has thrown on the Universe; and confesses that he himself cannot understand one word of it! I also am obliged to confess equal inability. If this is really the road to intellectual Salvation, I fear that only a very few can be saved.

I invite plain men and women to read this book, which is mainly intended for them. I try to show them that with the aid of Science they can know much more about the Universe than they now think possible, provided al-

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ways that they are willing to trust their own common sense, when that speaks plainly and clearly.

The Book of "Sermons on Evolution," published in 1905, is referred to in places where the subject treated is dealt with more fully than seems advisable in a volume like this. I refer especially to the two sermons on "God" and "God minus Man."

"The Heaven of the Moon" must be read as Poetry, in which Imagination claims its Rights. The two sonnets are dedicated to the beloved memory of William James.