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PREFACE

THE attempt of this book is to discover "the coming man"—the man who is slowly vindicating himself by essential worth; who is gradually measuring up to the ultimate tests of a man; and growing upon us, as a great figure once grew upon the vision of the seers.

The study revolves about the personal Christ. Personality is assumed as the ultimate reality, absolutely revealed in Christ and progressively realized in man. Through personal relation to Christ, man comes to himself personally; realizes his genius, is potentially capitalized, and authoritatively adjusted to the universe in which he lives. In his venture upon life, his venture to be a man, he comes also into this ultimate relation, grows conscious of an inner flooding power, and is lifted into a creative force. In the matter of his place, part, and task, he finds his stage of activity in the kingdom of personalities; here he comes to his best, and takes his part, under the economy of God, in the one supreme task of life, which is life itself.

Thus far we have considered "the coming

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man" potentially, dynamically, and socially, and brought him face to face with his task. The task itself is simply to live, to live the life of a man, to unfold his infinite possibilities, attain his maximum worth, and take his ultimate place in the economy of God. A task of such dimensions is worthy of a broader and deeper survey of the subject than we have already taken. We therefore venture in the final section to reconsider or recapitulate the man, as to his genesis, ability, and service.

Our object is to discover, not define; for man is not definable, but discoverable. We seek the man, not systems of thought, but the man himself in his vital sources, resources, and results. We shall be satisfied to give the reader not new theologies, new philosophies, new sciences, but a new vision—a vision of man—of "the coming man."