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PREFACE.

These brief essays were originally written for the columns of the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

They were prompted by the belief that the readers of daily papers can be interested in ethics as well as in politics—in the spiritual as well as the material phases of our existence.

These are, after all, the elements which possess an eternal fascination, and they are to be found in every incident of daily life, no matter how trivial.

What we lack is the power to discover them for ourselves, and we need the help of interpreters.

A corps of reporters trained to see and reveal these subtle but beautiful qualities, would build up the greatest newspaper in the world.

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It was at the urgent solicitation of many friendly readers, who desired to place these secular sermons upon the shelves of their library, that the author consented to their re-appearance in permanent form.

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