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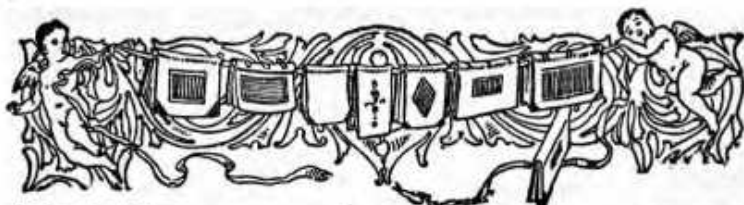
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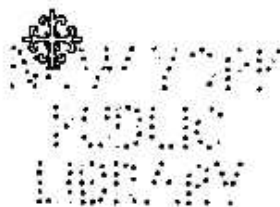


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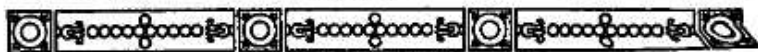
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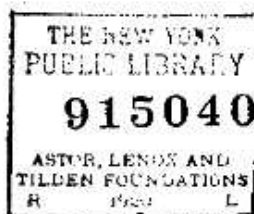


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To live is to think and act, and
to think and act is to change.

- James Allen.

Foreword

THIS book is not for mummies. Neither is it for scandal-seeking fools. It is meant for people able to go by their own judgment and for those willing to acquire this most important habit.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN is going to give you an inside view of religion; how it is being handled. And in the mean time I shall endeavor to set forth, how it ought to be handled.

Those keeping their eyes open wide will readily admit that there is something wrong. Altogether wrong, at that. Those slumbering might awake, so I fear, a little too late. Since the large majority of us are not only slumbering but indulging, mentally speaking, in a rather sound sleep I would like to stir them up—at the eleventh hour.

The recent events in France, Portugal and Spain, and still more so the Home

Rule of Ireland being pushed into the foreground, do not only give striking evidence of general dissatisfaction but might as well be taken as warnings as how to prevent that tremendous restlessness of our day, prevailing all over the world.

Religion has always been and will always be the most important factor in Public Welfare. People do not only need religion; they want it, too. The more humanity will advance in sciences, the higher the standard of average education is being raised; while on the other hand the more we are getting inclined to think, or at least to make ourselves believe we know everything or at least a whole lot, the farther we will be pushed from what can be termed **mental equilibrium**. This mental equilibrium is what we need above all; hence, we are bound to be looking for practical means to establish and keep up the same.

Man, as one would hardly need to have this explained, consists of body and soul. In order as not to make