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It was required that the matter contained in this small volume should be delivered in a church to an audience not differing much from the congregations that generally gather in cities for worship, except as it might happen to include a larger proportion of educated minds. It was also demanded by the terms of the lectureship that the lectures, having been so delivered, should be forthwith issued in print as a treatise. To almost any student this twofold necessity must be somewhat embarrassing, as involving a certain literary incompatibility. It will appear that I chose to keep before me in writing the assembly of hearers, and have not thought it worth while to take pains to strike out some forms of expression and some illustrative passages belonging to a public address.

I had contemplated the use of a considerable array of references to authorities, and to agreeing or differing authors. But on the whole I see no worthy occasion for it, and therefore present only a few marginal acknowledgments to writers to whom I am conscious of being indebted.

F. D. H.

SYRACUSE, Easter-Tuesday, 1878.

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“In case either of said offices are vacant, the others may nominate the lecturer.”

Under this trust, the Right Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON, S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, was appointed to deliver the lectures for the year 1878.

PHILADELPHIA, EASTER, 1878.

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LECTURE I.

Christ among Men: His Approach to the Human Heart.

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

ST. JOHN 1:14.

"But Jesus . . . knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man; for He knew what was in man."

ST. JOHN 2:24, 25.

"Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man."

PROVERBS 8:4.