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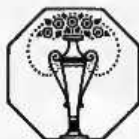
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PREFATORY NOTE

MY thanks are due to Lord Buxton for having asked me to write a Memoir of one whom I knew very intimately during the last four years of his life, and for whom I have the deepest affection. Of the many letters Charlie wrote me, very few have unfortunately been preserved, but, as will be seen in the following pages, many of his friends and relations have most kindly allowed me to make use of a large number of his letters to them, and in some cases have also supplied me with their own reminiscences. Some of these reminiscences I have thought it best to break up and distribute throughout the book in places where they seem best to illustrate certain portions of his life and certain phases of his character. Others I have printed as a whole, and these, with some of Charlie's poems, will be found at the end of the volume.

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THE MODERN MOSES

*Lord God, I have climbed high to Thee ; alone
I stand ; and if Thou count me not too frail,
Fling back this once the starry-studded veil
Which in abounding mercy Thou hast thrown
'Twixt naked man and Thy Infinity.*

*Lord, give me strength to see Thee face to face,
To live in Thee, be of Thee for a space,
And still, when I resume mortality,
Remember the past glory—so shall I
Bring back a message to the wistful world
Which, ever craving light, is yet born blind ;
A message which no scoffer dare deny ;
Then will the flame of Thy great Love be whirled
And blown about the hearts of all mankind !*

*Written by C. S. B. in June 1908, and printed in
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