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TO MY FATHER

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P R E F A C E

ALMOST from boyhood the writer has been concerned in finding a mental setting for Jesus Christ. Sometimes it has been a disturbing, but more often a stimulating, problem. The problem arose apparently from the absorption of his earlier religious life in God as Presence and Father, and the difficulty in finding such a place beside him for Christ as the Bible and the Church seemed to require. For a time the words, "Believe in God, believe also in me," afforded temporary standing-room. The first clear light on the intellectual problem came, after entering the ministry, through reading Frederick Denison Maurice's *Theological Essays*, in connection with the words in Colossians, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The result was a great illumination of mind and uplift of heart. The difficulty of accounting for Christ in the contrasted aspects of his historical limitation and his universal significance largely disappeared. The conclusions reached were presented in an article entitled "The Indwelling Christ," published in *The Andover Review* for August, 1891, and met with a very warm response. The substance of this article is included in Chapter II, Part III of this volume. The conception was but germinal and needed time for development and that adjustment to theological