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PREFACE

OF the essays included in this little volume the first two are reprinted, with slight modifications, from the pages of the *Interpreter* and the *Irish Church Quarterly* respectively, and my thanks are due to the editors of those periodicals for permission to republish. The third essay I had originally written as a supplement to an enlarged edition of *Foundations* which was at one time in contemplation, though the project was subsequently abandoned. I have added papers dealing with our Lord's outlook upon the future and with the subject of "Clerical Veracity," because those topics are of immediate theological or ecclesiastical importance.

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I

RELIGION AND TEMPERAMENT

It was remarked in the opening sentence of one of the papers read before the Pan-Anglican Conference a few years back that among the many interesting discoveries made by natural science in the course of the last century was that of the existence of religion. To-day we are familiar with a large and growing literature devoted to the study of religion and of religious experience, considered simply as psychological fact. The late Professor William James's well-known book, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*, is but typical of a multitude of similar works in which the attempt is made to describe and classify the