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PROPOSING a discontinuance of the last half—Parts III and IV—of my former treatise entitled *The Vicarious Sacrifices*, this present volume is put forth to occupy the place made vacant. The design is, at some future time, to put the former first half and this new last half together, and recompose the treatise, in a form to more satisfactorily represent what I would like to say of the whole subject. What I have taken to be “the whole subject” comprehends more, it will be remembered, than what is included topically in our theology under the head of atonement; viz., another, not less weighty part, relating to Christ as a power on character. This other part, as set forth in the first half of my former treatise, I retain. But the latter half, discontinued and now to be supplied, covers exactly all that has been heretofore and commonly taken as being the Atonement. So that we are having on our hands in the discussion just what has been, and to the vast majority of disciples still is, the

whole topic. It is not so to me, but a good deal less. And yet it is of the greater consequence, that it has so nearly gotten a monopoly of right in the field. Besides it may justly be more dear to us all, that so many of the best and holiest believers of the past ages have found their life centered in it; faultily and even repulsively conceived as it certainly has been. And if it has so great possible value when tainted by so great mistake, how much more is it to be valued if it can be rightly understood.

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