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### PUBLISHER'S PREFACE

So many are the inquiries from those who have been impressed with the books of Mr. Crane and wish to know more of the man who could write so effectively that a personal statement may not be amiss.

Aaron Martin Crane was born in Glover, Orleans Co., Vermont, February 13, 1839. The foundation of his education was laid in the public schools, a local academy, and at Newbury Seminary, but the extent to which it was carried was solely due to lifelong study of carefully chosen books. Nothing seemed beyond his mental grasp.

As a volunteer private, he joined the 1st Vermont Cavalry, Co. I, August 11, 1862, and won rapid promotion for gallant and intelligent service. He was mustered out in May, 1865, with the rank of captain.

He edited and published a paper in Winchester, Va., from 1865 until 1869, and entered Government

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service in the Internal Revenue Department. Here he was an assessor until that office was abolished in 1873. After this he continued as special agent in charge at St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, San Francisco, and other cities until 1884.

This was far in advance of the time when efficiency experts were a recognized feature of great establishments, but so compelling was Mr. Crane's keen, thorough analysis, and so manifest his power of organization that he was repeatedly offered large fees and salaries to systematize work in which heavy investments were at stake. He persisted, however, in turning from the world of affairs to what he felt was the work to which he was called, that of a metaphysician. His noble mien and commanding stature aided his mental and spiritual gifts and warmth of heart to make his influence impressive. He taught, wrote, and healed, in the fullest sense of the word, all the rest of his life, which ended October 22, 1914.

His marriage, January 16, 1867, to Lida D. Flint, of Irasburg, Vermont, was an ideal union. Mrs. Crane's wide culture and constant partnership in

all the activities of her husband enabled him constantly to be at his best, and her loss, after a long companionship, was the supreme test of his life.

Mr. Crane died rich in friends, and the gratitude of the host of former sufferers would have made him opulent had he allowed it, but service was ever more to him than income. No gift of his was ever withheld because any one seeking either truth or health was unable to pay for instruction.

The constantly increasing recognition given to his works, "Right and Wrong Thinking and Their Results" and "A Search after Ultimate Truth," the former being known wherever the English language is read, makes it imperative that his unpublished writings be now given to the world. "Ask and Receive" is first of all a thoughtful study of the teaching of Jesus on the universal human need of prayer. In simple, forceful words, and with reasoning so clear that it is a pleasure to follow it, the author develops the sure possibilities of prayer and its necessary attendant, faith, including the vital subject of healing. This work gives the ripest conclusions of a great and honest scholar who by his life and teaching holds in the memory of the many who have known him, whether per-

sonally or through his books, a place second to no other master of thought, save only the Great Leader whose message he so well makes plain to us.

—WARREN FENNO GREGORY.