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*"Τὰ γὰρ ὀψώνια τῆς ἁμαρτίας θάνατος,
τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν
Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν."*



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TO
G. H. P.
WHO HAS
INTERPRETED, ENDOWED, IRRADIATED,
ENNOBLED LIFE,
THIS STUDY OF LIFE
IS DEDICATED



Preface

IF an author has not said clearly what he wishes to say in the body of his book, he is not likely to put it into a word in the Preface; consequently many a Preface is useless. Yet he may be excused for standing at the door as showman and directing visitors what to look for. For what we look for we generally see, positively or negatively, that is, the thing or its absence; and either is better than gazing into vacancy. So let me say here at the end of my writing and the beginning of my readers' reading, what it is that I have aimed to do.

I find that many persons regard belief in another life as an amiable or at least respectable weakness, something which, like a throat-muffler, a sturdy soul ought to be able to do without, and be the better for its absence. This attitude of superiority rests largely on the