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To
MY FATHER
WHO THROUGH PAIN ENTERED INTO THE
GREAT RECONCILIATION

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PREFACE

IN adding a volume to the ever increasing flood of books issued from the press of to-day, it becomes a writer to state his reasons for challenging the attention of a surfeited and much-enduring public. Especially is this true when the subject is so apparently outworn and rejected as the atonement. For this theme, once so commanding and of conceded importance, has been quite generally neglected, even by religious people, and fails to arouse more than a languid interest. The venerated interpretations now seem antiquated, and the dogma itself is in many pulpits discredited. But a doctrine which has entered so vitally into spiritual thought and experience, and which every age has explained in its own language and according to its prevailing philosophy, must contain a residuum of truth which will ever abide and reclothe itself in a fashion suited to each generation.

The word "atonement," as I shall use it, is employed to explain the method by which reconcili-