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## FOREWORD

PREACHING before the University of Cambridge in the year 1846, Frederick Myers of Keswick—one of the seers of the nineteenth century—said: "I fear it may be that in some degree our theology has been impairing our religion," and then he added, "the remedy for this is a firmer and fuller faith in the highest Idea of God."<sup>1</sup>

No words could better express my own feeling in writing these pages. I have always felt that the one thing vital to a true religion is the moral and spiritual perfection of its God; and I have, therefore, refused to give assent or to make known anything out of harmony with such perfection, even though it may have been included in the Creeds, Confessions, or dogmas of the Churches. Indeed, the one test I have applied to every doctrine has been: "Is it consistent with the idea of perfect Fatherhood in God?" For I have always believed that the central and supreme purpose of Jesus was to reveal this perfect God whom He called and encouraged men to call "Father."

<sup>1</sup> Sermons before the University of Cambridge by the late Frederic Myers, M.A., Perpetual Curate of St. John's, Keswick, 1852, p. 22.



In the assurance of this perfect Fatherhood of God I have found the resting-place for my soul, and I am anxious that others who have not, should find this place of rest. Long experience of life has shown me that many obstacles bar the way thereto, and, therefore, in the pages which follow I have done what little I could to remove such obstacles. If in any small measure I have succeeded my heart will be made glad.

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