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TO MY FATHER
CHARLES WRIGHT BELL
THIS BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

For my father, W. W. Bell, June 3/18.

PREFACE

THE chapters of this book were originally lectures delivered at the 1917 Conference for Church Workers at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. At the request of a number of the members of my class, men and women keenly interested in religion and in our modern social life, as it is and as it is to be, I have prepared them for publication.

It is to be hoped that no one will suppose them to be presented as final conclusions, dogmatically stated. He would be a madman, indeed, who thought that he had either the authority or the ability to tell the Christian world just how, in these times of flux and confusion, it ought to be applying the principles of Chris-

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tian ethics to that way of living which is in process of becoming. He would, however, be a blind man who did not see that the old ways of teaching ethics to Christian people and the old ways of comprehending ethics by those people are no longer vital. It is the part of wisdom that each of us should seek for himself to apply Christian moral principles to the new problems of living, and that he should be willing to offer his tentative conclusions for criticism by his fellows and assistance to his fellows. Only after many have done this can the Church as a whole, roused to the importance of the task, be enabled corporately to teach the men of the new age how they may follow Jesus in their day. It is this preliminary sort of thing which I have endeavored to do in this book.

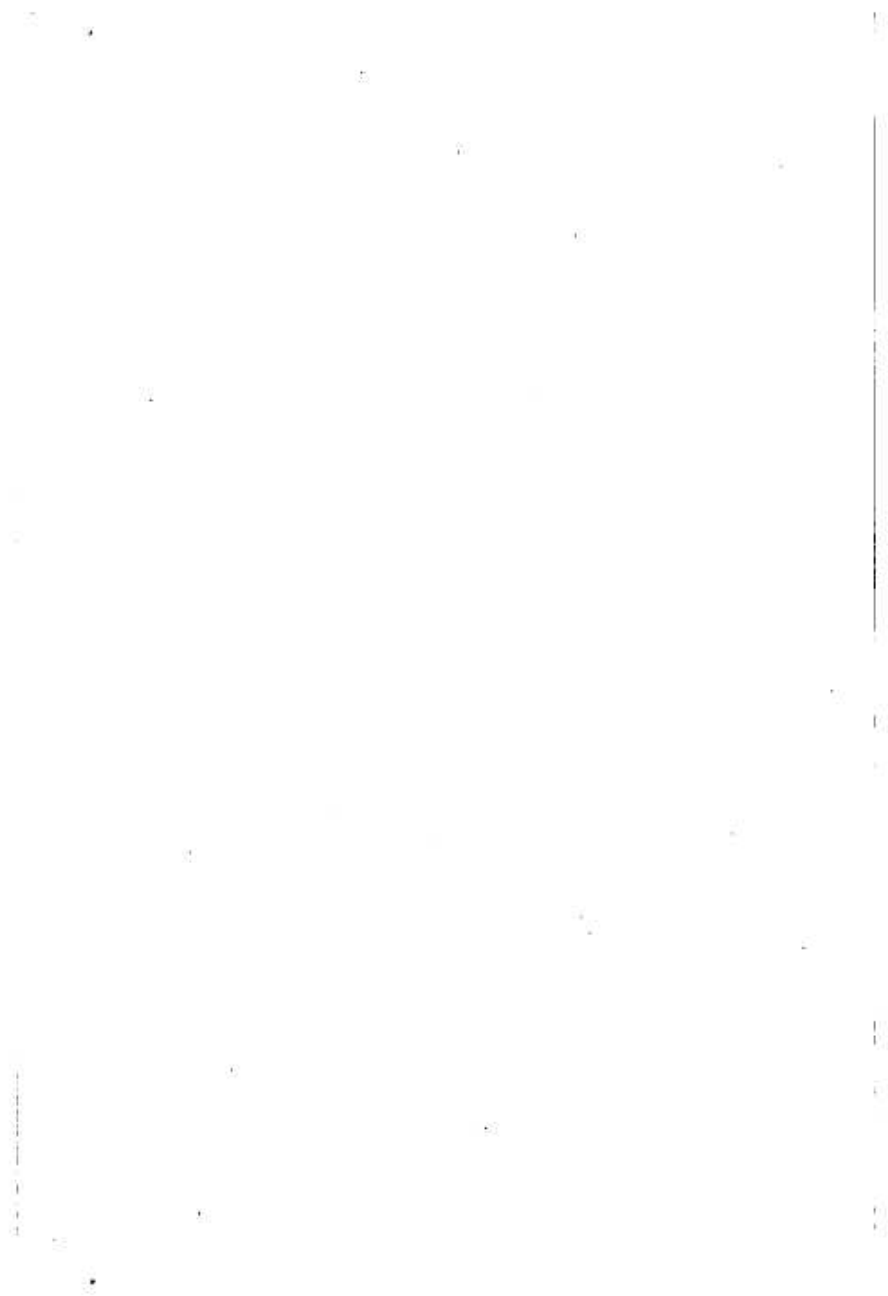
Its only values, therefore, will be in

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the revelation of how one priest's mind has reacted in the face of the necessity of teaching the old morality in the terms of the new life, and in the stimulation of the thought of the reader along this line.

It would be futile to claim originality for much that is herein contained. There has been no conscious plagiarizing, but much has been absorbed from many books and from conversations with people whose expert knowledge of various phases of the problem I have gladly drunk up, in so far as I have been able to do so. To all who have taught me, I hereby express my appreciation. Especially do I wish to thank the members of my class at Cambridge for their kindly and illuminating criticism of many of the positions I have taken.

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