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*"Humor is an invisible tear through  
a visible smile."*

—FROM THE RUSSIAN.



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## Preface



A FEW years since, the author delivered a series of addresses on different aspects of Jesus' life. In one of those addresses the idea dominating the preparation of the following pages was given prominence. Since then, the idea has grown upon him with each successive reading of the gospel narratives, until it is a commanding presence not to be put aside without attempting to secure for it a public audience. This he has recently done, to a limited extent, in a magazine article.

While conscientiously pursuing his own way in the accomplishment of his purpose, the author is aware that he is not sole worker

in this field. Especially should Dr. Marion D. Shutter have due credit for the pioneer services he rendered several years ago, when he issued his suggestive volume on "Wit and Humor of the Bible." Along similar line has commenced to travel German scholarship, which, in general, has led in Biblical criticism with such marked profundity, patience and brave sincerity.

With thus much of preface the author sends forth this little work, knowing well that ultimately it will stand neither for more nor less of truth and worth than men shall find therein.

G. W. B.



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Behold the man ! Behold the God !  
Ah, which to say, and how, and why !  
In vain our tangled reasons try  
The path so many feet have trod.

O man of sorrows, man of joy !—  
Of joy for all thy strife and scars, —  
Whereso thou art among the stars,  
In peace that nothing can destroy, —

Though we our voices may not blend  
With that hoarse chant the centuries raise,  
Yet is it not a sweeter praise  
To say, “ Our brother and our friend ” ?

And if beyond this verge of time  
We know thee better as thou art,  
Wilt thou not clasp us heart to heart,  
As fills our ears the heavenly chime ?

—*John W. Chadwick.*