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A living and life-giving soul ! A source  
And origin, exhaustless like the sea,  
Of impact, impulse, movement, energy !  
A radiant centre throbbing thick with force,  
In pulses of momentum sped their course  
Wherever, down the lines of history,  
Thought has been moulding human destiny !

A glorious voice, unchangeable to hoarse,  
Or mute, but ever ringing loud and clear  
Its one great message in the ears of men :  
" Christ Jesus risen, ascended, from His sphere  
Above all height, beyond all finite ken,  
Bending to sway a sovereign sceptre here,  
And one day to return to earth again ! "



## PREFACE

MANY readers will remember the story told of some advocate of renown—probably it was Rufus Choate—that after he had addressed a jury in an important case (which, of course, if it was Choate, he won), a friend of his who had listened to his argument rallied him by saying: “Do you know, Mr. Choate, there was one point in your address to the jury that you went over not less than six times?” “Yes, I know that very well,” was the reply; “I got six men of the jury the first time I made that point. The rest, all but one man, fell in one after another, as I went on; but to get the twelfth man I had to go over that point, as you noted, up to six times—but on the sixth I got him.”

I fear there may be among my readers some so firmly set against the contention of my book—the contention, namely, for Paul as *authoritative* teacher of Christian doctrine—that I shall fail to win them over at last; but, as they will find, if they continue to read, it will not be for lack of the sixth repetition! I do not apologize, but I show that I am aware of the repetitions that occur of certain topics, under varying forms of expression, and answering to different aspects observed from different points of view. Without these repetitions, I could not satisfy myself that I was emulating that trait of Paul which one hostile German critic, with choice of word very happy for his unfriendly purpose, calls