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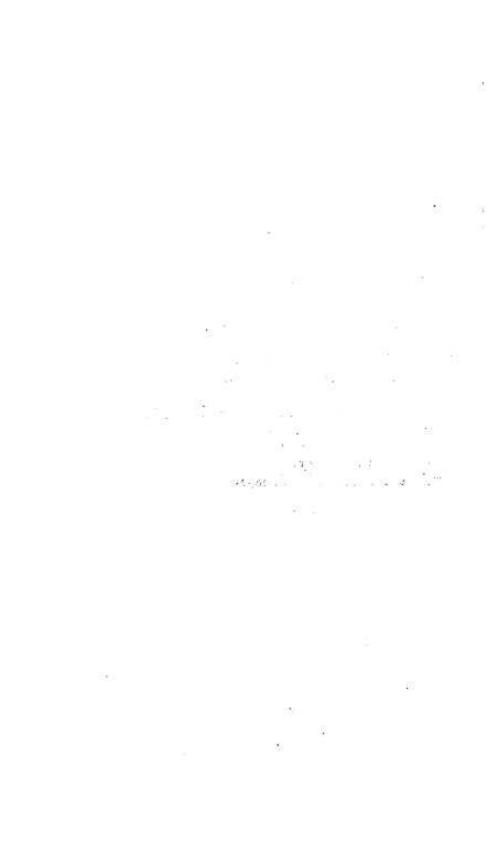
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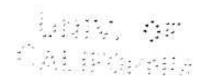
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#### INTRODUCTION

1. These brief outlines of discussions have been prepared at the request of Mr. David R. Porter, secretary in charge of the work in preparatory and high schools of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations, and to Mr. Porter I owe many valuable suggestions. The method of treatment, as well as the topics themselves, have been the outcome of experiences as a boy, as a teacher, as a father. At the age when most boys are in the preparatory and high schools these great fundamental moral questions must come before them. They will be thought of; they will be answered. It is of vital importance that they be answered wisely.

2. Sometimes parents and teachers have thought it

best to impose upon young men their opinions, and to attempt to compel them to form right habits under the pressure of authority; but an action compelled has, relatively speaking, little educative force. At times these questions are ignored, it being thought that as the result of experience and of the best public opinion the right answers will eventually be found. In very many cases this is doubtless true, but very generally at a great waste of energy and often thru many sad, if not seriously demoralizing, experiences. The only safe way, and even that will not always be found effective, is for the boys to

think thru these questions for themselves. When, as the result of deliberate consideration, possibly given under suggestive guidance, a boy is once convinced as to what is right and wise and determines