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PREFATORY NOTE.

IN the following pages an attempt is made to trace the main lines of growth in that deep change of religious thought which is now proceeding in the modern world. The Author's plea is for a whole-hearted allegiance to the principles by which that change appears to be governed. These principles he endeavours to bring together and describe in as clear and simple a form as possible. The point of view from which this task is approached could not be better described than in George Eliot's words: 'What is it to be rational—what is it to feel the light of the Divine Reason growing stronger within and without? It is to see more and more of the hidden bonds that bind and consecrate Change as a Dependent Growth—yea consecrate it with kinship; the Past becomes my parent, and the Future stretches towards me the appealing arms of children.'

S. H. M.

Holywood, Belfast, Ireland,

September, 1903



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