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PREFACE

THIS short treatise is an attempt to show that the personal knowledge of God is the true secret of happiness; and that a real trust in and acquaintance with the Heavenly Father, transforms both spirit and life for him who possesses it. The book, therefore, is necessarily concerned with Christian life rather than with Christian work; with the character rather than with the career.

The personal knowledge of God of which it speaks is, however, but a means to an end; and so far from leading to selfishness must, in proportion as it is enjoyed, fill the soul with that Divine

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love and compassion that ever seeks the good of others and the glory of God.

It is obvious how unworthy the language must be of such a theme; but it is hoped that the reader who may begin as a critic of defects which are human will end as a worshipper of a perfection which is Divine.

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