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INTRODUCTION

THERE is a loyalty to one's creed which is to be commended. The man who has a reason for his own opinion, and who has the courage always to declare it, is not to be despised; and each church may well seek to cultivate such loyalty on the part of its members. But it has also a larger work than this. It must teach loyalty to the spirit which is behind all forms of thought and worship. That religious culture is imperfect which does not enable one to interpret sympathetically his neighbor's creed and to see its spiritual significance. In the following sermons I attempted to perform this service for my own congregation; and they are now published with the hope that they may be of some help to others.

In confining my attention to a few famil-

iar phases of historic Christianity, I have not meant to imply that here we may find the limit to our religious sympathies. Beyond Christianity is humanity. He who begins to ask, "Who is my neighbor?" will not be satisfied with any answer which does not include all the race. But, lest we lose ourselves in barren generalizations, and, attempting to include all, fail to come into close sympathy with any, let us remember that "neighbor" means always the "nigh-dweller." We must begin with the form of faith that is nearest us and that touches us. When we come to understand that and see in it something to love, we shall be prepared to reach out and touch what is still beyond.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 1, 1898.

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ROMAN CATHOLICISM