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PREFACE

THESE lectures are here printed as they were originally written, not as they were actually delivered. The lecturer may choose his own subject, but the length of the lecture is mercifully conditioned by other considerations than the interest of the subject or the inclination of the preacher.

The first half of the first lecture to some extent goes over ground which I have treated more fully elsewhere, but it seemed necessary to set the subject in its context, if any proper comparison were to be made between the Christian religion in the second century and the other philosophies and faiths of that period; and without some such comparison of distinctive features, no satisfactory conclusions could have been drawn.

In these questions and considerations arising out of the study of second century Christianity, it is as impossible to claim originality as it is to specify one's obligations. It is a joy to labour in a field of such rich and varied interest: it is an honour to gather even the gleanings of former fellow-labourers, the praise of whose learning, ability and zeal are in all the churches. There is one, however, to whom it is a special pleasure to acknowledge a very particular debt of gratitude. To the Rev. L. W. Comper, of

St. Saviour's College, in Southwark, these lectures owe very much in the way of kindly criticism and wise suggestion. But the lecturer owes yet far more by way of inspiration and encouragement to the friendship of one whose faith is the stronger for facing facts, and whose Christian teaching is manfully true to modern thought. To him, as to a teacher and fellow-disciple, I gratefully dedicate this book.

The lectures were delivered under the title of "Firm Foundations," a fact which will explain a number of references. This title, however, could not be used, as it was found to be already appropriated, and another has been chosen which links together the main thoughts of the first lecture and the fourth. May the Son of God ever reveal Himself more fully to our hearts, and to all who feel the imperious needs of this straining age.

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