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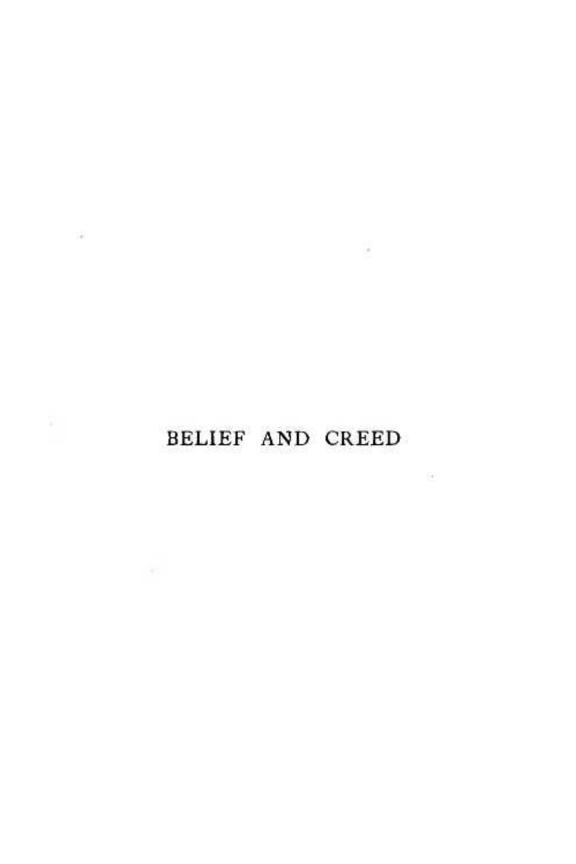
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PREFACE

VERY few preliminary words are needed in the case of this little book. In the first chapter I have fully explained the circumstances which made me feel that it was my plain duty to endeavour to write it. It has grown under my hand; and partly for this reason, partly also because my time is not my own, I have not been able to finish it so soon as I at first hoped to do.

I have not read any one of the reviews of *The*Faith of a Modern Churchman, nor have I allowed
any one to report to me their contents. I wished
to form a perfectly independent opinion of the
book.

In several passages I have adopted the language which I used in the Essay on "The Gospels in the Light of Historical Criticism" which I contributed to the volume of Cambridge Theological Essays in 1905, in the Preface to that Essay as reprinted in 1914, and in a paper on the Ascension, which appeared in the volume *The Meaning of the Creed* (published by S.P.C.K.), and which was written in 1916.

I am deeply indebted to two friends who have read the proof-sheets of this volume and who have greatly helped me by several valuable suggestions.

ELV, St. Luke's Day, 1918. I SINCERELY thank Canon Glazebrook for his courtesy in sending to me the following statement of "Errata" in The Faith of a Modern Churchman. It is right that I should insert it in this volume at the earliest available opportunity. In each case I add in square brackets a reference to the relevant passage in Belief and Creed.

ERRATA

The Bishop of Ely, in a book just published, has devoted some 80 pages to a criticism of the third chapter of this manual. As I am indebted to him for pointing out two real errors and some inaccurate phrases, I think it right at once to acknowledge them, and to indicate the corrections which must be made in the next edition. This is comparatively easy, because the mistakes do not affect the main contention. The majority of the bishop's criticisms, which concern matters of opinion and inference, do not appear to me at all convincing: but I cannot do justice to them without writing at length. Here, therefore, I abstain from comment; for this little book is not the place for a discussion which must be technical and tedious.

Page 23, line 5, "all four evangelists." This is not strictly accurate: for, as all readers of the Revised Version are aware, scholars do not regard the last twelve verses of St. Mark's Gospel as genuine. But if "was" were written for "is," the statement might stand: for the conclusion of the Gospel of St. Matthew (which appears to be dependent upon St. Mark for the framework of this part of its narrative) indicates that the appearance narrated in Matt. xxviii. 9, 10, was derived from the original conclusion of St. Mark's Gospel [pp. 82-84].