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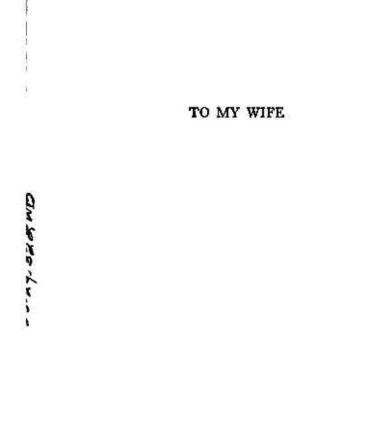
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PREFACE

The pages that follow, prepared at the request of the Congregational Commission on Evangelism, present the gist of what has been worked out in many class-room discussions, open forums and personal conversations. Whatever value the presentation may have is largely due to the fact that it has been produced through intimate contact during many years with the actual needs and questionings of men and women looking for light on the problems of religious life. This experience has led to a realization of the very great evangelistic values of the point of view represented in these discussions. Those accustomed to a different point of view may nevertheless perhaps find in these pages suggestions useful to them in the presentation of religious experience from their own angle of approach. In these days of peculiar tumult in life and thought we may well be ready to gather from every quarter whatever may prove to have constructive value in building up that faith in God, in Jesus Christ, in the latent possibilities of good in all men, without which civilization cannot longer develop.

A much more extensive treatment of the subjects discussed might easily have been given but the purpose of the Commission seems better accomplished by compact statements. Some phases of religious life and thought

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are not discussed at all. Those have been selected upon which it seems most desirable to concentrate the attention of persons who are being urged to begin the Christian way of living, to begin to pray and work and sacrifice in hope, to begin to feel out for the guidance of the living Lord as he leads on in the development of a race of men wise, powerful, honest and friendly.

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