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*Let us draw near with a true heart in  
full assurance of faith.—Hebrews 10:22.*

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To  
The Young Men and Women  
TO WHOM  
I TALKED IN TERMS  
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## PREFACE.

FAITH has its assurance even more than sight. It is like the sensitized plate which the astronomer places in his camera and exposes before the heavens, full of visible stars, to catch and reproduce the invisible. With the eye of faith man looks at the things that are seen and sees the things that can not be seen with the eye of sight. The astronomer would have but a partial knowledge of the stellar universe if he could not fix by photography the worlds invisible even to the eye looking through the strongest telescope. So man's knowledge would be sadly incomplete if he could not fix by faith the worlds invisible even to the strongest telescope of the intellect. It is in this invisible world we live. It



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is our waking realm. There thought and aspiration and love have their rightful and only reign. There we emerge from the chrysalis of matter into the atmosphere of mind,—the supreme, the creating, the dominating Mind. And our minds can respond to and be moved upon by this Mind until they hold in firm grasp the meaning of life and destiny.

We walk by sight; we progress by faith. By sight we must pick out our way wearily, and are never sure we are right, for we have only our imperfect eyes as a help. By faith we can leap by leagues into the circumference of truth, and we despair not of reaching the center because of its attractive forces pulling us on. To change the figure, we make our assumptions by faith and mount up with wings as eagles. We recognize that these assumptions must be tested, so we slacken our pace and run, but are not weary. We move more slowly

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as we undertake to prove all things we would hold fast, and hence walk, but do not faint. The assumption puts us in the region of certainty. By intellectual inquiry we can find our immediate whereabouts. Faith is to reason what a means of conveyance is to a journey's end. Faith carries us to reason, and not reason to faith. We study to give a reason for the faith that is in us. It is faith that impels us to reason.

In the following pages I have endeavored to emphasize the part faith plays in our being. In various ways, and with some repetition, I have dwelt upon, first, the necessary, underlying assumption of the personality of God, using the term as signifying the Being who lives and labors and loves, who actualized and actualizes Himself in mankind, and who fully revealed His nature to us in Jesus the Christ; and second, the reality and sufficiency of man's

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mind, his ability to receive and comprehend the truth of God, and his need of a submissive spirit in order to understand himself as well as the Almighty and live a life worth while. I have sought to make the papers more concrete by basing the thought of each upon some incident or saying of Holy Writ. What is here said is the substance of a series of talks given at various times before student assemblies with the hope of strengthening youth in firm reasons for religious and spiritual striving and of establishing the cause for an abiding conviction in the assurance of faith.

To give credit to all who have influenced my thinking is impossible. Fellow-students of Borden P. Bowne, however, will not fail to note my great indebtedness to him for what is good in this book.

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*San José, October 26, 1910.*