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TO
THE SACRED MEMORY OF
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This volume is dedicated in token
of gratitude and reverence by one
of his students who, although led
to abandon his philosophy, yet
cherishes his teaching as a most
precious possession.

PREFACE

In the preparation of this volume the writer has aimed at justifying the title by as complete an outline of the argument for the Christian faith as the intellectual situation of to-day demands. This has necessitated the omission of minute discussion of many of the topics. For the general character of the treatment compensation has been offered in two ways: by reference to other volumes in this series dealing with some of the subjects, or to other relevant writings, and by indicating when the writer himself has dealt with the subject at greater length. The order of the chapters has been determined with the view of exhibiting as far as possible a continuous argument. In accordance with his idea of the task of Apologetics as commendation rather than defence, less attention has been given to meeting objections than to presenting the attractiveness of the Christian Gospel. The writer has not hesitated in stating conclusions reached by himself after much study and thought, in the hope that they will be as helpful to others as to himself. No attempt has been, or could be, made to indicate in every instance the source of arguments and suggestions offered, as for the writer many have become part of his own mental stock. He gladly acknowledges a far greater debt to other writers than his express references can indicate. The bibliography, too, makes no pretence to be exhaustive. It is confined to the books known to the writer which he has found helpful, and which from personal knowledge he can commend to others. While

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due prominence has throughout been given to Christian experience as the basis of Christian certainty, a lesson which the writer has learned from his study of Ritschl, he has endeavoured to recognise the just rights of reason, and so to be true to the influence of the great teacher, to whose memory this book is dedicated.

NEW COLLEGE,
LONDON, *25th November 1912.*

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