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## P R E F A C E

THE Founder of Christianity once described Himself as THE WAY. It would appear also that the Religion He founded was first so called by its disciples, and that the term CHRISTIANITY only arose out of the talk of the Pagan World about it. The Revisers of the Authorised Version of the New Testament have indicated for us this earliest designation of our Faith by the renderings given of Acts ix. 2, xix. 9, xix. 23, xxii. 4, xxiv. 22. Perhaps if the name had been preserved in common use the Church would have been delivered from some of its unprogressive moods. I have ventured to adopt it in the title of this book because my whole conception of religious institutions, scriptures and doctrines is that they are valueless unless they are instruments, methods, or spiritual plant for establishing the contact of the Soul with God.

Some of the chapters which follow have appeared before. *Elect Shepherds* was published as

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a Christmas booklet in 1923 and the edition exhausted. The chapter on the Temptation appeared in the *Expository Times*, vol. xxxiv. That on the Mind of Jesus was contributed under the title of *The Seamless Robe* to *The London Quarterly Review* (April, 1918). *The Cup* was published in *The Interpreter* (April, 1915) and *The Ascension* in *The Expositor* (November, 1918). For the last chapter I have drawn largely upon an article *One Avenue to God*, which I contributed to *The Hibbert Journal* in April, 1914.

I thank the Editors and Publishers of these Magazines for their kindness in permitting me to use these materials from their pages. I have availed myself of their courtesy more fully in some cases than in others. In no instance am I simply republishing. Each paper has been revised. In some instances I have made a good deal of alteration, always, I hope, in the direction of greater lucidity. I have also to thank Mr Wilfrid Meynell for permission to quote in full (on p. 169) the beautiful Advent Meditation contained in the Poems of Alice Meynell.



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My Scripture quotations are nearly always from the Revised Version.

I have avoided footnotes and references as much as possible, my object being to interest the general reader rather than to attract the theologian. If my pages should be perused by the latter I trust he will be able to detect the processes of my judgments where results only are stated.

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