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P R E F A C E

This book consists of eight talks, given by invitation of the British Broadcasting Corporation on Sundays during August and September 1930. I have tried to vary the form of the addresses as little as possible in preparing them for the press. The simple and condensed statement which is necessary in speaking to an unseen audience for a limited period of time may, I hope, still be retained with some advantage. The history of Early Christian Doctrine is a subject which presents abundant opportunities for the most minute treatment. It is a field in which a great scholar will be well content to spend a lifetime of exploration. But it is, I am convinced, a great and serious mistake to suppose that it is a field which Christian people, who do not claim or desire to be professional scholars, can afford to leave entirely alone, or that they will find little in it to interest them. On the contrary, I believe that some knowledge of the main stream of Christian theology in the first few centuries is of real importance in connexion with the religious problems and questions of today; and I am sure that the student of the theological movements of those centuries need not find his work dull.

If anyone, after reading this book, should feel the need and wish to supplement it by turning to larger and more adequate volumes, in which much is con-

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