

INTRODUCTORY

Our theme has been approached here necessarily from the human viewpoint and with the attitude of loving discipleship.

The chronological order has been observed as likely to increase the value of these pages to students and teachers of the Gospels.

In some cases a slight liberty has been taken with the Authorized Text at the head of these lessons. The author did not care to adopt the full text of "The Twentieth Century New Testament," and yet wished to make the quotations modern. It will be found in every case that such variations make the narrative more vivid, or at least clearer to the mind of the reader.

If this picture of Jesus should appeal to any as having the elements of just such a human life as God would have us live; if it convinces that Jesus aimed to transform our lives into the image of God's life of love and holiness, and make them true expressions of our Father's mind and heart, the author will be satisfied.

Learning of Jesus and living in the light of his Word, we shall not fail of strength, courage and fidelity in this life in the concrete, and beyond all this, we shall have an inspiring consciousness of the beginnings of a larger experience in the life which has no boundaries.