

## A Word to Begin With

have done little more than to recast Dr. Plumptre's analysis; and Dr. W. F. Slater and Dr. Henry Cowan, and other living masters, have been closely followed in places. Indeed, as I lay down my pen, I am half disposed to say that if there is anything original in this book I am hardly to blame, so earnestly have I coveted every grouping of facts which seemed to be specially adapted to impress my readers. Nevertheless, the book has individual features, and I trust will be found to have a mission of its own.

Let me urge Epworth Leaguers to familiarize themselves with the great histories of the Church. Nowhere else are lessons so salutary to be found concerning God and man; and, with all sacred literature within reach, the young Methodist should have especial pride and enthusiasm in following the lead of such eminent scholars as Bishop Hurst, Dr. Slater, and Dr. Dryer.

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