

INTRODUCTORY.

WHEN the world has a true perspective of a great character, it frames the portrait and hangs it in the galleries of time to inspire with its perfect beauty the hearts and lives of each succeeding generation.

If our highest good is to be found in the fullest development of all our capacities and powers, how absorbing the interest that life must awaken which did realize the complete expression of all its powers.

It is not surprising that the fairest flower God ever planted in the garden of human life should be so perennially attractive to the souls of men. We never tire of Jesus. Thoughts about him may not be approved, but his own thoughts are always sure of appreciation. A careful and sympathetic examination of the records of his life will inevitably transform a conventional, theological or intellectual conception of that life into a tender and reverent love.