

## PREFACE

THE words of the Bible are inexhaustible in their freshness and power; and this volume, like its predecessors, *The Divine Pursuit* and *In the Hour of Silence*, is an attempt to capture something of their aroma. The chapters are not elaborate expositions, but simple meditations, resting usually upon a close study of the original meaning of some great Bible word or scene, and exhibiting some aspect of its permanent message. Those ancient words still speak, as no other words speak, to the men of to-day, and so, we believe, they will continue to speak to men for ever.

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