

P R E F A C E

THE sermons which follow are not meant to raise new doubts about the good old creeds that have served so well the spiritual needs of our fathers. They are an attempt to meet the difficulties met with in a somewhat varied experience as business man, student and pastor. The view of religion here advocated has meant everything to myself, and a man can only preach the things he knows.

Because many others have been helped by it, I have yielded to oft-repeated requests that these sermons should be published, in the hope that still others might find in them the answer to difficulties which have arisen with the old statements of doctrine.

No new statement which is true will ever do away with the old creeds and confessions. All it can do is to unfold in terms of modern thought what was implied or only partially stated in these older forms. They have lived only because they must have been true for their own age.

Some such conception as that here used must