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the more marked when these essential truths are delivered by men who are in intense sympathy with them and have sacrificed their interests or their reputation by proclaiming them. In such cases the message of Christianity is not only a means of illumination and instruction to the generation to which it is addressed, but it is a quickening spiritual influence that awakens the conviction in open-minded men that the authority and the resources of divinity are behind it.

JESUS CHRIST, HIMSELF, IS THE MOST PERFECT
EXEMPLIFICATION OF CHRISTIANITY.

The essential truths of Christianity and the spiritual force that is latent in it can be learned best by studying the life and the words of Christ; He Himself is the most perfect exemplification of Christianity. In Him we see blended in perfect harmony, elements of character which are complete contrasts to each other, and which are always difficult to unite in one person, and which are nowhere perfectly united except in Him. In Him we see perfect strength and majesty blending with perfect gentleness