

ideas upon the very few vital things concerning which it is a matter of life and death to us that our beliefs should be right."

It is hardly necessary to add that this attempt at a popular re-statement of Christian truth is avowedly tentative and provisional. The faith of the future is to be wrought out by many minds in a fellowship of prayer; and private ventures of this kind are from the nature of the case subject to all the limitations of the individuals who make them. These addresses were in the first instance evoked by questions raised in conversation by intelligent young Christian men and women, of whose personal religion there could be no doubt, but who were perplexed by the many difficulties incidental to the movement of thought and the increase of knowledge in our generation. I have reason to believe that in many cases these addresses served the end they were intended for—otherwise I should not venture to publish them.