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PREFACE

THE aim of this book and the writer's conception of its task are pretty fully set forth in the introductory chapter; and that discussion should not be repeated here. It need only be said that the method of approach adopted involves a rather detailed survey of all the passages in the teaching of Jesus that can be regarded as clearly ethical, and should itself help to make more objective the results of the inquiry as well as more completely insure that the teaching itself should be unfolded, rather than simply talked about.

While I have tried to keep constantly in mind the ethical aspect of the teaching, as the one problem of this book, it should not be forgotten that Jesus' teaching is so completely permeated with the religious spirit, that it is impossible wholly to ignore the religious and still do justice to the ethical teaching. Jesus has no dual standpoint, corresponding to a sharp separation of the two realms of the religious and the ethical.

As one in a series of New Testament Handbooks this volume is, of course, intended to reward study but it is most earnestly hoped that that intention has not meant that the priceless vitality of the ethical teaching of Jesus has escaped in the

process. A book on the ethics of Jesus that is not vital through and through belies its theme. I can but hope, therefore, that the book may help a little to bring the unity, the sweep, the depth, and the inspiration of the ethical teaching of Jesus to many readers who do not think of themselves at all as professional students. Jesus was interested in life rather than in technical discussions about life.

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