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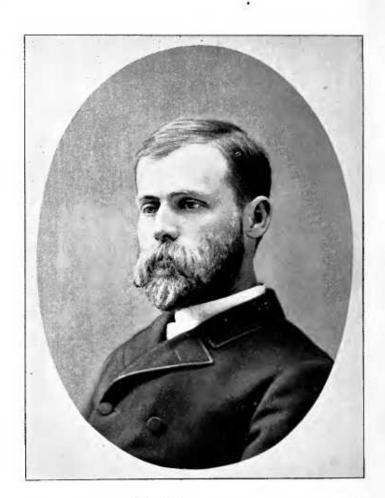
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"It is decisive of the question whether the Soul exists if among the activities and emotional states of our being there are to be found such as do not belong to our bodies."—ARISTOTLE.

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PREFACE.

PHESE pages are intended to present, in as concise a form as possible, an outline of certain phenomena in nature, together with logical and philosophical deductions therefrom, which go to prove, first, the existence of a soul, and, second, the repeated incarnation of this soul in physical bodies. No phenomena will be considered except such as have been fully verified and accepted as a portion of the armamentarium of modern science. That there are vast classes of genuine phenomena not acknowledged as genuine by science is well known; and, although fully entitled to an appeal to these in support of our position, it has been thought best to pass them by, and to meet modern scientific agnosticism entirely upon the territory of its own facts. It is believed that by thus "carrying the war into Egypt" more good may be accomplished in directing attention towards the higher spiritual aspects of these phenomena than if the argument were advanced into disputed domains. This completely bars access to an immense mass of so-called spiritualistic phenomena which, while very far from establishing the fact of spirit communication in the manner claimed by spiritualists, are still of great importance as illustrating many of the lower psychic faculties of man, and his essential independence of his body in their production. The numerous marvels of many countries, and especially of India, have also been omitted; for they, although partly accepted by scientists, who fancy they find in "glamour" and "collective hallucination" an explanation, are still an unclassified residuum, whose scientific explanation itself needs to be explained even more than the phenomena for which it attempts to account. In short, the purpose of this book is to establish the fact of the existence and repeated rebirth of the soul by an appeal to logic and reason alone, based upon phenomena of such universal and every-day experience that all who choose may verify each successive step taken, or phenomenon to which reference is had.

PREFACE.

The writer was bitterly antagonized by the idea of reincarnation when he first became familiar with it in Theosophic literature; but, after careful and earnest attempts to arrive at a philosophic or scientific hypothesis in harmony with natural phenomena which would render this view unnecessary, he was compelled by sheer force of facts and logic to accept it. The trains of reasoning followed, and the phenomena appealed to are outlined in these pages. They are issued in the hope of aiding others who may have become, as the writer had, biased toward materialistic views by a one-sided "scientific" education, to recognize this grand truth. The attention of inquirers is also called to the scholarly work of the late E. D. Walker, and to the occult, intuitional, and philosophic Manual by Mrs. Annie Besant, both being upon the same subject—Reincarnation.

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