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The Church of the Future,
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The Church of the Past,
THIS ENDEAVOR
TO SKETCH IN OUTLINE
The Church of the Reconciliation
IS ADDRESSED.

PREFATORY NOTE.

THE following papers contain some things which in a purely theological treatise would be superfluous. But clergymen are not the only public the writer has had in mind. There is, in America, a constantly widening circle of educated and thoughtful people who take a keen interest in such subjects as are here discussed, but whom it would be unreasonable to credit with any extended knowledge either of Church History or of Systematic Divinity. The book is chiefly meant for readers of this class. Care has therefore been taken to free the argument, in its main drift, alike from technicalities of language and obscurities of allusion. Everything of an exclusively professional interest has been thrown into the foot-notes, and can be readily avoided.



Figure 1: Percentage of total population in various age groups, 1950-2000.

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