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## PREFACE.

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By the title "Searchings in the Silence" I have meant to express the fact that these brief meditations are designed for the stray moments of solitude in which the heart looks in upon itself. No attempt has been made either at uniformity of size or uniformity of manner. I have tried to strike chords of experience, as many and as varied as I have felt within myself. The little book has had long and earnest study. I would like it to be devotional, not by the absence of thought, but by the flashing of suggestion. I would like it to be some small help, not only to the toilers on life's beaten way, but, if possible, even to one or two of that large class who require to preach on the Sundays. If these endeavours have proved a failure, the only excuse which can be pleaded is that the strength of the arm has not been equal to the height of the aim.

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