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TO
THEODORE ROOSEVELT
WHO AS LEGISLATOR, COMMISSIONER, SECRETARY
COLONEL, AUTHOR, GOVERNOR
VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT AND PEACEMAKER
HAS WROUGHT IN THE WORLD
WHAT HE WAS TAUGHT IN COLLEGE
AND SHOWN THE POWER FOR GOOD
A COLLEGE MAN CAN BE

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PREFACE

Now that we have about sixty thousand men and thirty thousand women in the colleges of the United States, the College Man and the College Woman deserve sympathetic interpretation and intelligent appreciation. To reveal to themselves and to the world these college men and women as they are, and as they are capable of becoming, is the purpose of this book. It deals with the personal, ethical, spiritual side of college life, and with organization and administration only incidentally. It presents as the best spiritual drink for college youth a blend of Greek sanity and Christian service.

Nearly everything in it has been presented to college audiences at Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Chicago, Northwestern, Amherst, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Haverford, Colgate, Mount Holyoke, Rockford, Smith, Vassar, or Wellesley. Nearly all of it has been printed in "The Atlantic Monthly," "Scribner's Magazine," "The Educational Review," "The International Monthly," "The Outlook," Crowell's "What is Worth While" Series, or pamphlets published by colleges to which the addresses were delivered. Taken as a whole, they represent what twenty
years of life in a college have taught me, and what I in turn have tried to teach others, about what college students mean to be, and what college graduates may be expected to become. I trust it may assure over-anxious parents that not every aberration of their sons and daughters while in college is either final or fatal; persuade critics of college administration that our problem is not so simple as they seem to think; and inspire the public with the conviction, cherished by every college officer, that college students, with all their faults and follies, are the best fellows in the world; and that notwithstanding much crude speculation about things human, and some honest skepticism concerning things divine, the great social institutions of family and industry and church and state may be safely intrusted to their hearts and hands.

The literary form of the second chapter, though unusual, was unavoidable. The college undergraduate is a being of too complex and swiftly changing phases for external description to catch and reproduce. If he is to be truthfully depicted at all, the only way is to place him in intimate and confidential relations and let him "give himself away."

The one biographical chapter is introduced because the office of college president is preëminently a personal office, and is best described in terms of a life and work which express a personal character.

I have ventured to recognize the fact that man