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PREFACE

BESIDES general books of reference, every one must now possess a work of reference covering the whole field of his own special studies with sufficient fullness. This Encyclopædia will cover the field of Religion and Ethics, the most widely interesting and the most important of all departments of thought.

1. The articles are written by those who have made a special study of their subject, and are recognized as most competent to write upon it. Attention is given to grace of style, so that the articles may be read with pleasure as well as relied upon for accuracy and insight.

2. The articles are full enough to give the reader a good working acquaintance with their subject; and to each article is added a select bibliography for the use of those who wish to pursue the subject further.

3. The range of the Encyclopædia is well defined. Religion and Ethics can no longer be studied separately with any profit. They are accordingly dealt with together; but each topic, whether religious or ethical, or both, will be found under its own appropriate title. The Encyclopædia will contain an account of all beliefs and customs which belong to Religion or Ethics throughout the world. It will also contain articles on the religions themselves, or on the nations professing them. And when a belief or custom belongs to more religions than one, or is found in more than one place, it will often be described in a series of articles, each article being written by a scholar of the particular religion or country.

4. Much attention is given to social topics which have an ethical or religious aspect.

5. The Encyclopædia includes some account of such persons and places as are important in the history of Religion and Ethics.