

South American lands and there was access only to notes on missionary books but not to any libraries, and much appeal to missionary biography which would have been desirable was impossible. I think, however, that no opinions have been set forth for which there is not ample support in the judgment and experience of some of the great missionaries of whom the world knows and of many of the missionaries, equally great, of whom the world does not know.

The lectures were delivered in January and February, 1910, in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, and I am glad to take advantage of the opportunity presented by this preface to thank the many friends whose kindness made the duties of the lectureship an ever memorable delight. The limited time available for the delivery of each lecture required the cutting out of a good part of the material, but all that was omitted is restored in the printed form.

No claim of finality or completeness is made for the judgments on mission policies and methods which are advanced. The work of missions is a living work, full of all the perplexities and problems of human life wrought upon by the Divine Life, and we are all only feeling our way toward the great principles which are involved in it and toward the formulation of these principles in some systematic statement. If the discussion attempted here leads, either through agreement or through dissent, to a fuller and juster view than has been here proposed, the end of the book will have been attained. It is the truth that is sought and not the maintenance of any particular theory or opinion.

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