

## PREFACE

This book on *Christianity and Its Bible* has been written for the congregation. For years I have had a deepening conviction that we needed a survey of the whole religious field in a small, readable, trustworthy book that could be owned and used in practically every home—a book that would be interesting to all and, at the same time, one that would richly repay careful study.

The benefits of such a work are evident. The naturally studious would be helped in their further study of any or all the subjects of which it treats; others would be incited to further study of religious themes; and all would be put into a much better position for being benefited by their ordinary religious hearing and reading. Such a work would give a foundation on which to build a symmetrical structure of religious knowledge; or, changing the figure, it would give pigeonholes in which to put the valuable results of all future hearing, reading, and study concerning religious themes. The mastery of it at the beginning of a theological course would make the whole course easier and more profitable.

In the preparation of this book the purpose has been to help meet the need presented in the last chapter—the chapter concerning “clear-eyed middle-men