

PREFACE

IN the following pages it has been my endeavour to present a picture of a phase of London life that is not very widely understood, or indeed realised. The Apostles of the South East have been drawn from real characters, only the usual literary licence being taken with them. Due allowance must be made for the difficulty of dealing with living characters, especially when belonging to a class that is keenly sensitive to any remarks that *it* construes as ridicule. It should not be necessary to say that no ridicule has been intended. Nothing but an earnest desire to set forth the difficulties, the dangers, and the triumphs, attendant upon the labours of the humble class of Christians mentioned has actuated the Writer, and if any person feels that he or she has been too closely depicted in these pages, they are implored to believe that only the kindest motives, and most sincere desire to advance the cause we all have at heart, have been the moving forces in the production of this book.