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TO
MY FATHER

GENERAL PREFACE

BY THE

BISHOP OF LAHORE

A FEW words of introduction are necessary to explain the general purpose of this series of Commentaries. The work was commenced under the general supervision of the Bishop of Rangoon and myself, acting as a Committee appointed in accordance with a Resolution of the Synod of Indian Bishops which met in 1900. Subsequently, with the sanction of the Metropolitan, the Rev. C. F. Andrews, of the Cambridge Brotherhood, Delhi, was appointed General Editor. The work of revision before publication is being left mainly in his hands, but a general Episcopal supervision of the work will still be maintained.

It is hoped that these Commentaries, while presenting a direct and scholarly interpretation of the New Testament, based upon the work of the great English Commentators, will, at the same time, contain such references to Eastern religious thought and life as may make them serviceable to both

Christian and non-Christian. The series will, in due course, if funds permit, be translated into the leading Indian Vernaculars. It is inevitable that in the interpretation of the New Testament there will be differences of opinion, and it has seemed best to allow these differences to appear in the series rather than to aim at a colourless uniformity. The final responsibility for the views taken of particular passages will rest with the individual contributors.

The thanks of the Synod Committee are given to the Editors of the Cambridge Bible for Colleges and Schools for their kind permission to quote freely from that Series, and also to the Cambridge University Press and the Delegates of the Oxford University Press for a similar permission to use the text of the English Revised Version in this volume.

G. A. LAHORE.

BISHOPSBOURNE,
LAHORE.

NOTE.—Since this General Preface was written Mr. Andrews has resigned the position of General Editor.

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

BISHOP WESTCOTT of Durham wrote in his *Lessons from work* (p. 65) 'The thoughts by which other religions live are seen in Christianity as facts of human history.' It has been my aim—I am deeply conscious how far short of it I have fallen—to illustrate this truth in what follows, by the interpretation of one of St. Paul's epistles in the light of Indian religious thought, ancient and modern.

What I have written is the result of careful and independent study of the Epistle itself, and of the perusal of the work of other writers on it and on the life and teaching of St. Paul. To such I acknowledge gratefully my indebtedness. Among other Commentaries on the Epistle I have read with profit that in the Cambridge Bible for Colleges and Schools. I have not, however, availed myself of the permission kindly given by the Editors of that Series to quote freely from it.

The whole of the Commentary has been read through by the Bishop of Tinnevely, the Rev. J. B. Frank and Mr. C. F. Andrews, to all of whom I am deeply indebted for helpful criticisms and suggestions.

ARTHUR CROSTHWAITE.

MORADABAD,
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