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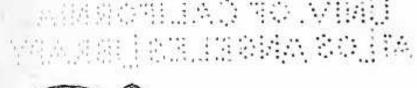
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Missionary for Ten Years in Southern Bengal and Northern Orissa



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PREFACE.

In traveling in different States of America during the past two years as field secretary of our Foreign Mission Society, I have been asked many questions. Those questions suggested this book, and in it I have tried to answer them. There is no attempt at rhetorical flourishes; but plain, practical questions of every-day life, and facts in history and religion are discussed by a practical man. I have not tried to write an exhaustive article on any of the subjects, but enough is said to give the reader a bird's-eye view of this interesting land and people. If a spirit of inquiry is awakened, he can find exhaustive treatises on some of the subjects suggested. There are many well-written histories of India. There are also histories of mission work in India, and books on the religion of the Hindus. There may be books treating on the daily life of this people, their productions, occupations, characteristics, routine of mission work, etc., but I have not seen them. All the books which I have read on India, take it for granted that we in Amer-

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ica know more than we do about that country. To tell the little things which others have not told, I have written this book. All but two of the illustrations are from my own negatives. The mission house in Balasore and the presentation of a Bible to Brother Thomas Stacy, by the native brethren of Balasore, are from "In the Path of Light around the World."

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