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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-

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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