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*Bible and in Missions*  
**MY MOTHER**

## PREFACE

**F**OR several years the author has lectured to large classes of theological students on the teaching of the Bible concerning missions. The interest of his students has led him to hope that a larger use of these studies might in some small measure advance the interests of the kingdom of God. Taking advantage of a vacation from the class-room he has written out these studies and presents them in a form that should make them available for students and study classes generally.

The work proceeds upon the assumption of the Divine origin and validity of the Scriptures in detail as well as in general. The author quite agrees with those who think that not all the work of Biblical criticism can rob the Bible of its missionary character so long as any part of it remains, since missions belong to its very essence. It cannot be denied, however, that in practice as well as in theory, missionary workers come most largely from the ranks of those who accept the Bible in a sense quite different from that of the radical criticism. This work does not hesitate to quote and expound individual passages as author-



itative while it recognizes fully the worth of the appeal to the general spirit of the whole Word.

The foundation principles of the Christian task of world conquest are to be found in the Bible, not so much in the authority of an imposed duty as in the impulse of the spirit of our Religion, the genius and the very life of our Faith.

It is these fundamental principles that the author has sought to present from the Word.

In the main the text of the American Standard Revision has been used, but where required for clearness or proper emphasis the author has not hesitated to render the original in his own phraseology.

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