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THE SEVEN CITIES OF THE BOOK OF
REVELATION

THEIR PRESENT APPEARANCE, THEIR HISTORY,
THEIR SIGNIFICANCE,
AND THEIR MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH OF TO-DAY

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

REV. EDWARD RIGGS, D.D.

FOR MANY YEARS AN HONORED MISSIONARY OF THE
AMERICAN BOARD IN TURKEY, WHOSE COURTESY,
PATIENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIVE LANGUAGES
SMOOTHED THE DIFFICULTIES OF OUR JOURNEY TO THE

SEVEN CITIES

AND WHO HAS SINCE TAKEN A LONGER JOURNEY TO THE
NEW JERUSALEM, OF WHICH, ALSO, THE REVELATOR WROTE

TO

MRS. EDWARD RIGGS

AND TO

MY WIFE

MY OTHER TRAVELLING COMPANIONS IN THE

HOLY LAND OF ASIA MINOR

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

INTRODUCTION

WHEN we speak of the "Holy Land" we usually refer solely to the little section along the shores of the Mediterranean, called Palestine, which was trodden by the feet of our Lord and his immediate disciples. But there is another Holy Land and one scarcely less sacred to the Christian. It is the Holy Land of Asia Minor, especially its western part, which was comprised largely in the ancient province of Asia. Here the Apostles laboured and taught. Here some of the earliest churches were formed. Here martyrs suffered for their faith as in no other part of the world.

Over these hills (and a traveller in Asia Minor is never out of sight of them)