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TO the memory of her who, from childhood up, in all relations of life, exemplified the beauty and the strength of the gospel; who, with gladness of heart, gave fourteen years of joyous and fruitful service to the winning of Brazil for Christ; whose memory abides as a rich fragrance wherever she was known in Brazil and in the homeland;

To the memory of

Willie Humphreys Sammon,

This book is dedicated as a loving tribute
by her husband.

THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

South America seems to be coming into her own. The "Neglected Continent" has at last attracted the attention of the world. Formerly, one never saw a magazine article about South American countries and affairs; but within recent years, she has had her share of them. Travelers who formerly knew of only one tourist's route—that which follows the sun—have now learned that certain roads lead north and south; and not a few long to "Round the Horn." This revival of interest, or to be more accurate, this birth of interest has affected the students of Missions, too, and recently, when Dr. Gammon spent a few months in the United States, he was urged by pastors, by leaders of Missions Study Classes, and by the Secretaries of Mission Boards, to prepare a book giving some account of Brazil as a Mission field, and telling the story of "Missions in the Land of the Southern Cross."

It was the purpose of Dr. Gammon to prepare a volume which would present not only the work of the Southern Presbyterian Church with which he is connected, but would be serviceable as a text book in the hands of all the denominations now represented in the mission work in Brazil. The time of preparation allowed him being so short, and mission stations in Brazil being distant from each other, it was impossible to secure data as complete as was desired; but the reader will still find that the author's purpose was quite fully realized. Mem-

bers of all evangelical churches will find interesting information concerning their own work in Brazil, as well as general information concerning the land and the people, and the needs of evangelical missionary effort. The detailed statistics of each mission's work as far as they could be secured, will be found in the Appendix arranged in compact form. A map giving the location of most of the mission stations adds greatly to the completeness of this feature of the work.

It was the author's hope to have the work appear during the summer of 1909, inasmuch as the subject of special study in connection with the Young People's Missionary Movement, and with the Woman's United Study Course would be during the Fall and Winter, South America. The issue of the book during 1909 would also have been timely, because the year 1909 marks the semi-centennial of the beginning of Presbyterian mission work in Brazil, and so this would be pre-eminently the time to call the attention of Evangelical Christendom to the needs of the great Southern Republic. For reasons which need not be detailed, the publication has been delayed somewhat so as to put it early in 1910.

The work in its original plan had the hearty approval of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and it was largely through the encouragement of the Secretaries of Missions, Drs. Chester and Reavis, that Dr. Gammon consented to undertake so arduous a task. After the book was put into the hands of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication to prepare for the press, it was found that considerable revision of some parts of the work would

be necessary in order to give the book its final shape. It would have been far better if this revision could have been done by the author himself, but Brazil and Richmond are far apart, and time was precious, so it was left to the Editorial Superintendent of Publication, the present writer, to do this necessary work of revision. This has given him an opportunity to become very thoroughly acquainted with the book which follows, and he considers it an honor and a privilege to have had this slight connection with it.

The reader will find the book thoroughly enjoyable from beginning to end. It furnishes in very brief, yet fascinating form, just the information we want to have about the geography, the natural resources, the history of the country and the character of the people. It will be specially interesting to the student of missions as furnishing a much needed text book upon Missions in Brazil; not confined in its scope to any one denomination, it affords the knowledge which very many desire upon the work of all the evangelical denominations there. One special point of interest about the book is its fair and dispassionate, yet powerful presentation of the need for missionary work in Brazil, and indeed, in all Roman Catholic countries. Taken all in all, Dr. Gammon furnishes a strong plea, both for the continuance and wider extension of "The Evangelical Invasion" of our sister Republic in the South. He thrills us with the story of what Protestant Missions have already accomplished, and issues a trumpet call to continue and enlarge the work.

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