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TO
MY BELOVED PARENTS,
WHOSE SELF-DENIAL AND LOVE
HAVE ENABLED ME FROM CHILDHOOD TO
ENJOY ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION,
THESE STUDIES IN THE BOOK ARE MOST
GRATEFULLY AND LOVINGLY
DEDICATED BY THE
AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

These "Outline Studies" have been prepared primarily for the use of the students of the Bible School of College Students, conducted by Mr. Dwight L. Moody, at Northfield, Mass., and for use in the Summer Schools of the American Institute of Sacred Literature, at Philadelphia, Chautauqua, and Chicago. They cover the earlier Epistles of St. Paul, including the I and II Thessalonians, Galatians, I and II Corinthians, and Romans. An attempt has been made to guide the student in an inductive study of each Epistle, and to be helpful in suggesting methods.

The writer has had a three-fold purpose in view in preparing these notes: first, to be of help to earnest students of the Bible, and to aid them in mastering the rich contents of God's Word for their own personal edification and growth in grace; secondly, in a simple and suggestive way to encourage the studious pastor in "bringing forth out of his treasure things new and old," especially in his exposition of God's Word during the week; and thirdly and mainly, to furnish a guide and text-book for use in advanced Bible classes, and in such Colleges and Theological Seminaries, where the English Bible is studied.

It is not expected that any of these Studies are to be finished in an hour. On some, even a dozen hours may be spent profitably. The writer, after a trial of various plans, finds that the most satisfactory work can be done by expounding the contents of these Studies to his classes, in advance, following these notes as an outline, and at the next meeting, spending about half the time in examination, and the other half in explaining an advance lesson. Having these outlines in their possession students need take no notes in class, but the work has been interleaved so that

additional notes may be made, as the result of private study. Believing that the Bible is the Word of God, the infallible guide for our daily life, and the absolute rule of our faith, and holding that there is a unity of Biblical truth,—great stress has been laid upon the exact and positive meaning of each passage, and upon the importance of the comparative study of Scriptures.

This work is a continuation of "Studies in the Book," *First Series*, which contains Studies on the Four Gospels, Acts, the seven General Epistles, and the Apocalypse; and the *Third Series*, containing studies on the later Epistles of St. Paul, thus completing the New Testament, is already in press.

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