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WHO
BY THEIR GIFTS MADE POSSIBLE
THE BEGINNING OF
AMERICAN MISSIONARY EFFORT IN JAVA,
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED.

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### INTRODUCTION.

JAVA is a fascinatingly beautiful land which is just emerging from obscurity in the thinking and planning of American tourists. But more than that, and better, Java has recently been entered as a mission field by an American Society through the efforts of a band of earnest young Christians in and about Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

"Java and Its Challenge" is a brief attempt to bring this before the young life of Western Pennsylvania. But it will not stop there. The lure of the East and the high romance of this extraordinary missionary undertaking, so painstakingly narrated by Miss Elizabeth Brooks, will receive the wider reading it deserves. I have read the manuscript and heartily commend the book to its readers.

W. F. Oldham,
Bishop Southern Asia, Methodist Episcopal Church.
Singapore, Strait Settlements,
December 1, 1910.



#### A FOREWORD.

The need of information about Java and of the wonderful opportunities in that island has long been felt by the leaders of the Java Movement within the Pittsburg Conference. After repeated requests the writer has come to the task of preparing the study, solely, that through it the Kingdom in Java might be advanced. There are few writings on Java, and it has been a difficult task to cull material for the book. To write of a land without having seen it, and to make it real to the reader, is not easy. Some seven years ago the vision of the marvelous opportunity for Christian service among the 32,000,000 of waiting people in Java came into the author's life. The vision of the possibility of the evangelization of Java within this generation made possible this writing.

If the young people of the Pittsburg Conference are aroused to the doing of greater things for Java, and if through them others become interested in the wonderland of opportunities before the Church in that island, this book will have served its purpose. May God use these pages to increase interest and enthusiasm, prayer, and gifts of life and money until Java is indeed the Lord's.

ELIZABETH HARPER BROOKS. Beaver, Pa., August 29, 1910.