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#### PREFACE

THIS book had its origin in a series of articles which the writer contributed to the Scotsman on the Reports of the Commissions of the World Missionary Conference. These articles, revised and enlarged, are now embodied in Chapters I., III., IV., V., VI., and VII.; the other six chapters are wholly new.

The matters discussed in this book will be found set forth with all fulness of detail in the eight volumes of the Reports of the Commissions. These Reports are the most valuable documents available for the scientific study of the missionary enterprise. Only the general underlying principles are here discussed, and for the opinions which he formed from the study of the materials, and for the form in which these opinions are expressed, the writer is alone responsible.

The desire of the writer is that through this book there may come to others something of that inspiration which came to those who attended the World Missionary Conference—a gathering which the Archbishop of Canterbury rightly designated as "an assembly without parallel in the history of this or any other land."

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