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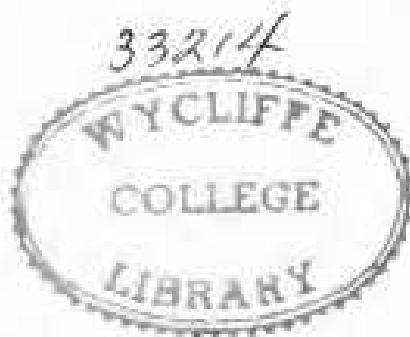
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## PREFACE

THIS little book is intended as a kind of sequel to my "Story of the Bible," and is written primarily for the same class of young readers. But as the knowledge of Missions among Church people—"children of larger growth"—is much less than their knowledge of the Bible and its sources and versions, the following chapters may perhaps be accepted also by them as an elementary and introductory account of what the Anglican Churches are doing abroad, both for their own scattered members and for the evangelization of the non-Christian world.

The book professes to be no more than the briefest summary, in simple language, of the Missions of the Church of England and its sister and daughter Churches. Other Missions, Protestant, Roman, and Russo-Greek, are not ignored; they are alluded to as occasion requires, but there is no attempt to describe them. No account of Anglican



Missions, however short, could be properly given without some passing reference under Africa, to Moffat and Livingstone; under India, to Carey and Duff; under New Guinea, to Chalmers; under China, to Friar John and Hudson Taylor; under Japan, to Xavier and Verbeck and Bishop Nicolai. And it would give an utterly false impression to the reader if the fact were not clearly stated that in almost every mission field the Anglican Missions are largely outnumbered by others, both in missionaries and in converts. Nevertheless, the design of this book is to tell the story of the Anglican Missions and of them only.

It is high time that the members of our Church learned to view its Missions as a whole. The ignorance among those who are really interested in S.P.G. work concerning C.M.S. Missions is appalling; and scarcely less so is the ignorance of C.M.S. supporters touching S.P.G. Missions. Perhaps these unpretending pages may do a little towards correcting the lack of knowledge on both sides. And when we have got so far as to know the work of our own Church, let us not be content with that, but learn some-

thing also of what European and American Christendom generally is doing to obey the Lord's Last Command.

The method of the book is as follows :— First, the Command is once more re-stated. Then, after a passing reference to early British and Irish missionaries, the beginnings of Anglican Missions in the 17th and 18th centuries are noticed, and then their revival and extension at the commencement of the 19th century. Three chapters, thus occupied, bring us to the accession of Queen Victoria ; and the fourth chapter sketches the growth of missionary zeal at home during her reign. Eight chapters then take us to the various mission-fields in succession ; and the last chapter looks forward and around, and asks what we can do further.

To the Lord of Missions and His blessing these chapters are humbly committed,

E. S.

*August, 1907.*

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