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TO
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PAST AND PRESENT
OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE
THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THIRTY YEARS
OF WORK AND FELLOWSHIP

PREFACE

WHEN the Council of the Cunningham Lectureship did me the honour of inviting me to be the Lecturer for 1920, leaving the choice of a subject to myself, I gratefully accepted the appointment, and offered a course on the life and writings of Jeremiah. Had I been younger, I should have preferred, instead of adding another to the many books on Jeremiah which have recently appeared in English, to try and break ground in some less frequented field of Old Testament theology. As it was, my choice was influenced by a long-standing interest in the study of Jeremiah's work and personality, as well as a hope that I might still be able to contribute something to an understanding of his message to his own age and to us.

The Lectures were delivered, under the same title as the present volume, in New College, Edinburgh, in the spring of 1920, and are now published in accordance with the terms of the Lectureship. I have to express my regret that publication has been unavoidably delayed beyond the allotted period; and also to explain that in preparing the work for the press I have not only expanded the lectures but arranged the matter under other headings and in a somewhat different order. In general, however, the substance of the six original lectures will be found in Chapters I and II; III and IV; VIII; VI and VII; XI; XV and XVIII. The remaining nine chapters are added in order to present a fuller picture of Jeremiah (though still an incomplete one) than was possible in the lectures.

To three friends in particular my warmest acknowledgments are due for help in planning the Lectures and publishing the book: to Dr George Steven, Edinburgh, for wise counsel and criticisms on many points; to the Rev. H. C. Carter, Cambridge, who read the manuscript and prepared the Index; and to Mr T. W. Manson, M.A., of Westminster College, who assisted me in revising the proofs and compiled the list of Scripture passages.

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April 1922

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