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IN MEMORY OF

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PREFACE

IN a form much abbreviated to suit the due limits, Chapters I.-V. and VIII. of this book formed the Murtle Lecture in the University of Aberdeen, on 2nd February, 1902.

The lecture—not really a lecture, but rather the dream of a student's life—was given only with reluctance and much diffidence, in deference to the wishes of those who are responsible for the lectures. It is published now, in an improved but still imperfect form, at the wish of my friend Dr. Robertson Nicoll (from whose advice I have on other

occasions gained much), in the hope that, such as it is, it may be not altogether devoid of interest for a wider audience, if such it should find.

The pertinence and, one might almost say, the necessity of the additions, Prologue and Chapters VI.-VII., will probably be evident to every reader.

It is right to add that part of the first chapter is taken with slight modification from a paper read before the Royal Geographical Society in London, 10th March, 1902, on the influence of geographical conditions on the history and religion of Asia Minor (to be published in the *Geographical Journal*, September, 1902), also that Chapters III. and V. are adapted and improved from a paper contributed at the request and suggestion of my friend the editor, Mr. C. G. Trumbull of

Philadelphia, U.S., to the *Sunday School Times*, 10th February, 1900, on the influence which the surroundings of Nazareth exercised on the mind of Christ.

To avoid criticism it may be explained, that though for brevity's sake I have spoken of Nain as if it were on the site of the modern village at the foot of the hill, yet there can be little doubt that the ancient city was on the top. If I may express an opinion, Nain seems to have more claim than Safed, which is probably a purely modern town, to be the "city set on a hill".

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