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MY FOSTER-PARENTS, WHO LOVINGLY CHERISHED IT;

MY WIFE, WHO BRAVELY SHARED IT:

AND MY CHURCH, WHICH GENEROUSLY HONOURS IT.

PREFACE

MY aim in *Pearls of the Pacific* is to give boys and girls a clear, true picture of life, as well as Mission work, in the South Seas.

My own experience of this life and work was all too short ; it was limited to three brief, happy years in Samoa, and therefore my main purpose has been to write of what I have seen. That, and that alone, accounts for Samoa filling so large a space in the following pages.

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