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## PREFACE.

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These lessons are intended in some measure both to unite and to supplement the preceding four courses of graded manuals. On the other hand, details which could find no place in this series will be found in the more critical treatment which those earlier courses provide.

May this imperfect presentation of some of the noble passages, in which lies the power of the Bible, help us to get at the heart of that "genius for religion" of which it was born, and help us to discover something of the religious inspiration of our own time and in our own life.

W. H. P.

CHICAGO, May, 1902.





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The graded series has already treated nearly the whole of the Bible.

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Then *The Story of Israel* takes up the thread, and surveys the record as preserved for us in the Book of Kings and in the writings of the great prophets, from the appearance of Amos to the great restoration under Nehemiah in the middle of the fifth century before Christ. It then, in more rapid survey, carries us on to the building of the temple by Herod the Great, and ends with a sketch of the time of Jesus.

*Great Thoughts of Israel* treats of the wonderful literature which arose between the return from captivity and the time of Herod. Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Chronicles, Ruth, Esther, Jonah, Daniel, and those two gems of the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus and the Wisdom of Solomon, are all reviewed.

Then come *Scenes from the Life of Jesus*, and the *Leaflets for Teachers* which supplement this series. Together they treat of the Gospel narratives, and present an outline of the simple life which underlies the later elaboration which is so prominent in the Bible records.

*The Teaching of Jesus* covers the same ground from a different point of view and is followed by *The Beginning of Christianity*, with its account of Paul and his work.

### **The Present Course.**

The lessons this winter propose to glance at the Bible as a whole, and to consider more in detail particular passages from all its varied contents, which stand out because of their special value and beauty. The selection has been largely determined by the necessity of avoiding ground already covered in previous courses. As a result, a great deal of attention has been given to extracts from the Epistles.

An endeavor has also been made to present the variety which is one of the most marked characteristics of the Bib'