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the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church
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whose liberality has made possible my work in Africa
and whose fellowship in the Gospel has ever
been an inspiration to me
this book is affectionately dedicated

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Preface

THIS book has been prepared at the joint request of the American Presbyterian Congo Mission (A. P. C. M.) and of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Its purpose is to make the world, and especially our own church, better acquainted with the character and the work of Dr. Morrison. No attempt has been made to eulogize the man, but rather to give a simple account of what he did. We have felt that an honest and unadorned statement of the truth regarding him would be a higher encomium than any ideal picture that could be drawn.

The writer has had access to Dr. Morrison's personal papers and to the documents on file in the offices of the Mission at Luebo and of the Executive Committee in Nashville. It was also his high privilege to be intimately associated with Dr. Morrison's work for six years.

In the writing of this story it has been necessary to refer to the mal-administration of the Belgian Congo under the past and present régimes. In doing this the writer has not attempted to make any attack on that nation, so recently allied with our own country in the World War. No judgment is pronounced upon Belgium for the wrongs committed in its Congo administration. We have described those conditions simply because they form the background to the picture of Dr. Morrison which we have attempted to draw. The part that he played in endeavoring to alleviate the sufferings of the oppressed formed the most dramatic episode of his life and made him an international figure. We could not do Dr. Morrison justice without pic-