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THEIR PRESENT APPEARANCE, THEIR HISTORY,
THEIR SIGNIFICANCE,
AND THEIR MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH OF TO-DAY

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TO THE MEMORY

OF

REV. EDWARD RIGGS, D.D.

FOR MANY YEARS AN HONORED MISSIONARY OF THE
AMERICAN BOARD IN TURKEY, WHOSE COURTESY,
PATIENCE, AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIVE LANGUAGES
SMOOTHED THE DIFFICULTIES OF OUR JOURNEY TO THE

SEVEN CITIES

AND WHO HAS SINCE TAKEN A LONGER JOURNEY TO THE
NEW JERUSALEM, OF WHICH, ALSO, THE REVELATOR WROTE

TO

MRS. EDWARD RIGGS

AND TO

MY WIFE

MY OTHER TRAVELLING COMPANIONS IN THE

HOLY LAND OF ASIA MINOR

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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INTRODUCTION

WHEN we speak of the "Holy Land" we usually refer solely to the little section along the shores of the Mediterranean, called Palestine, which was trodden by the feet of our Lord and his immediate disciples. But there is another Holy Land and one scarcely less sacred to the Christian. It is the Holy Land of Asia Minor, especially its western part, which was comprised largely in the ancient province of Asia. Here the Apostles laboured and taught. Here some of the earliest churches were formed. Here martyrs suffered for their faith as in no other part of the world.

Over these hills (and a traveller in Asia Minor is never out of sight of them)

and along these river-courses Paul made his toilsome way, and Timothy and John Mark, and, in later years, Irenæus and Polycarp and others scarcely less distinguished in the history of the church.

Through the ports of Smyrna and Ephesus so many eminent Christians and church fathers sailed on their way to Rome and to death that they were called "The Gateways of the Martyrs."

Here Christianity received its earliest development as a universal religion, a faith for Jew and gentile alike.

Above all, it was here that the gentle Apostle who leaned on Jesus' breast planted his churches and watched over them with more than a father's solicitude, rejoicing in the steadfastness of some, mourning over the declension of others, and to them he wrote the messages inspired by the Spirit of God which have been for the encouragement, the comfort, the warning, the rebuke of the