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To
My two Chums
ANNA and THOMSON

Foreword

THE Story-Sermons contained in this book have all been told from the pulpit of the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Chicago, to the children who unfailingly attend the Sunday morning service. They are published at the earnest request and urgent solicitation of the children and the children's friends.

The greatest work in the world is the interpretation of God to the soul of the child. The new emphasis which child culture is receiving calls for increasing effort on the part of the pastor, to care for the children of his church. The Sunday-school is insufficient. The atmosphere of the church service is essential for the true religious development of the child. The pastor, the teacher, and the parent must be workers together with God.

If any apology were needed for the publication of another volume of children's story-sermons, it can be found in the now familiar words of Dr. Stanley Hall, "Of all the things that a teacher should know how to do, the most important, without any exception, is to know how to tell a story."

All that the present collection of Story-Sermons claims to do is to bear testimony to the fruitfulness of a method that has been tested and tried. Little that is original will be found here, but much that is familiar will be met with, and there is some satisfaction in knowing that while many dry-as-dust and discursive sermons have been forgotten, many of these innocent looking sermons have been remembered and have borne fruit that is worth while. After all, the Story-Sermon is the Master's method, for "the kingdom of heaven is like unto —"

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