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## FOREWORD.

THE first series of COLLEGE PROBLEMS proved so helpful to the Student Secretaries, Association Presidents, Professors, and others interested in the work, not only in the South but in other sections of the country, that an urgent call has been made for the publication of the report of the second Conference of Southern Student Secretaries, held at Black Mountain Inn, Black Mountain, N. C., June 23-July 19 inclusive.

At this Conference Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, conducted a study daily, somewhat on the seminar plan, the topic being "God's Self-Revelation." This study was based on the books outlined in Study No. 1. (See page 7.) Prof. Frank L. Jewett, of the Texas Bible Chair, University of Texas, conducted in similar manner a daily study of the "Earlier Prophets," based on the volumes outlined under Bible Study of Course No. 1.

An hour each evening was given to the discussion of some practical phase of Association work under the leadership of Dr. W. D. Weatherford, International Student Secretary. Each discussion was introduced with a paper prepared by some one of the Secretaries, which papers make up the body of this report.

A course of study has been outlined for the year 1908-09, and a series of twenty-two topics for papers on practical work assigned for preparation. (See Course No. 2, page 7.) The Conference is in no sense a popular gathering, but rather a meeting of a few picked Secretaries (thirty this year) for thorough study



and conference. The work done is meant to be of the grade of graduate university work, and the aim is to give men a sane basis for Christian activities.

If this report shall bring new light to any who are wrestling with large problems in their Associations or shall inspire any who have not attended the Conference to become more thorough students both of the fundamentals of our faith and of the problems of our work, the members of the Conference will be more than satisfied.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

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### COURSE I.

FOR THE YEAR 1907-08.

#### *Studies in God's Revelation of Himself.*

1. The Knowledge of God (2 volumes).....Gwatkin.
2. The Essence of Christianity.....Brown.
3. What Shall We Think of Christianity?.....Clark.
4. Personality: Human and Divine.....Illingworth.
5. Miracles of Unbelief.....Ballard.
6. The Direct and Fundamental Proofs of the Christian Religion.....Knox.
7. Development of Religion in Japan.....Knox.
8. The Evolution of the Japanese.....Gulick.

#### *Bible Studies.*

1. Work and Teachings of the Earlier Prophets.....Kent-Smith.
2. The Prophets of Israel.....Cornill.
3. The Book of the Twelve Prophets.....George Adam Smith.

### COURSE II.

FOR THE YEAR 1908-09.

#### *I. Studies in the Person and Work of Christ.*

1. Studies in the Biography of Christ:
  - (a) The Days of His Flesh.....David Smith.
  - (b) Studies in the Inner Life of Jesus.....A. E. Garvie.

## 2. Studies in the Interpretation of Christ:

- (a) The Christ of History and of Experience. . . . Forrest.
- (b) The Fact of Christ. . . . Simpson.
- (c) The Character of Jesus. . . . Bushnell.

## 3. Studies in the Influence of Christ:

- (a) Christ and the Human Race. . . . Hall.
- (b) India's Problem—Krishna or Christ. . . . Jones.
- (c) Jesus Christ and the Christian Character. . . . Peabody.

*II. Bible Study.*

## Studies in the Earlier Interpreters of Christ:

- (a) Studies in the Acts and Epistles. . . . Bosworth.
- (b) The Apostolic Age. . . . Purves.