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## PREFATORY NOTE

AMONG the subjects indicated by the founder of the Baird Trust, as being suitable for the Lectureship which he instituted, there was included *Christian Missions*. By the desire of the Trustees the theme of the Lecture for 1915 was selected from this wide field, and with their concurrence I chose as my particular subject one which, along a line of much interest, records the evolution of Christian Missions in India through nineteen centuries.

The six lectures, as actually delivered, formed the substance of the first six chapters of this book: to give completeness to the theme, the other five chapters have been added. Should the result be found by the general reader to be lucid, sympathetic, and fair, the purpose intended will be served, and a want in the literature of Indian Missions—where a correct perspective in viewing the Chris-

tian labours of the centuries is specially desirable — will it is hoped in some measure be supplied.

A note of explanation may be given as to the fairly numerous quotations which the chapters contain. These form a feature which, it is believed, will prove both welcome and useful. The passages quoted from ancient authorities, in the earlier chapters, furnish practically the entire foundation of our knowledge of Indian Missions in those far-off days, and enable the reader to reconstruct the history for himself. In the later chapters, by giving typical extracts from the actual words of the apostolic workers, the endeavour is made to let the personal note be heard, and a direct impression be thereby conveyed.

In Appendix IV is given a list of Books of Reference which may be found useful. Over the greater part of the field the voluminous and painstaking work of *Hough*, and the detailed investigations of *Germann*, give extremely valuable, though not always infallible, guidance. For obtaining a general survey of Indian Missions *Richter's* admirable modern work easily takes the first place. On the earlier periods much light is cast by the sharply contrasted writings of *Medlycott* and *Milne Rae*,

diverse in their ecclesiastical sympathies and in many of their conclusions, but mutually complementary, and both of very real service. *Venn* and *Chandler* are impartial, sympathetic, and accurate in their portrayal of Jesuit Missions: and in dealing with the more modern days the series of Indian Missionary Biographies by *Dr. Geo. Smith* is indispensable. To all these writers, and in a lesser but real degree to most of the others whose names appear in the Appendix, as well as to sundry magazine articles un-named, grateful acknowledgments are here made.

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