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THE JAMES SPRUNT LECTURES

IN nineteen hundred and eleven Mr. James Sprunt of Wilmington, North Carolina, gave to the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia the sum of thirty thousand dollars for the purpose of establishing a perpetual lectureship which would enable the institution to secure from time to time the services of distinguished ministers and authoritative scholars outside the regular Faculty as special lecturers on subjects connected with various departments of Christian thought and Christian work. The lecturers are chosen by the Faculty of the Seminary and a committee of the Board of Trustees, and the lectures are published after their delivery in accordance with a contract between the lecturer and these representatives of the institution. The fourth series of lectures on this foundation is presented in this volume.

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Seminary in Virginia.*

Preface

THE material contained in this book is based on no inconsiderable experience in handling work along lines of Sunday-school instruction. For many years the author had the privilege of superintending one of the largest mission Sunday-schools in New York City, and for over thirty years he has had the joy of teaching a weekly class for Sunday-school teachers, taking the International Uniform Lessons for his theme. He hopes, therefore, that whatever he has said in the lectures herewith offered to the public will be found to be helpful, and sensible as well. Indeed nothing can be helpful to the Sunday-school work unless it is based on common sense and actual experience.

The author's effort has not been to give an exhaustive presentation either of *The Book* or of *The Boy*. His aim has rather been to view *The Book* from a somewhat unusual standpoint, and to give the teacher, so far as is possible, a more vivid and picturesque grasp of what are called Bible times and Bible characters. In dealing with the scholar the author has also endeavoured to work along a similar line trying to arouse in the teacher a new interest in the personality of the scholar such as shall stimulate him to further study.

With the exception of the lectures on "Joseph" and "Moses," which were delivered in a course at the Bible Teachers' Training School, New York City, all the lectures in this book were delivered at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. They were taken down stenographically, and though corrected by the author, still will doubtless show the defects of extemporary address. It is to be hoped, however, that what they lose along this line may, in part at least, be atoned for by the greater directness that is usually found in extemporary delivery.

It is hoped that these lectures may be helpful both to lay teachers and to the ministry as well. The author's conviction is very profound that, in the average Sunday-school throughout the country, the minister ought to be leader of his teaching force, taking charge of the teachers' weekly meeting for the study of the lesson, and building his teachers up on the sure foundation of the Word. With this hope in view he was glad of the opportunity to address the promising body of theological students at Richmond, and is equally glad to address a larger constituency through the medium of the printed page.

That God's blessing may go with this little book is his earnest desire and prayer.

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New York,

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