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FOREWORD

Assam, the far northeastern Province of the Indian Empire, with its tea-gardens, mighty Brahmaputra River, and snow-capped Himalayas, with its many tribes of people of differing religions, languages, and customs — Hindus, Mohammedans, Animists; Nagas, Assamese, Garos — is one of the most picturesque and interesting of all the provinces of India.

The story of Baptist Missions in Assam is one of adventure and heroism, of suffering and steadfast faith. The devoted service of the missionaries has borne abundant fruit, and today there are 54,000 Christians and 900 Baptist churches in Assam.

Dr. Sword, with his wide experience as a missionary in Assam, and his first-hand acquaintance with the peoples of the Province, is admirably fitted to tell the story of these hundred years. As the Mission celebrates its Centenary, we are most fortunate to have his vivid and comprehensive account of the triumphs of the Cross in this interesting corner of Asia.

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