

PREFACE

In the early spring of 1906, the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions requested me to write a text-book on Mohammedanism, suitable for use in the mission study classes of the colleges and universities. This volume, under the title *Islam: A Challenge to Faith*, was published in the autumn of 1907. In the preface I wrote: "There is no lack of literature on Mohammed and Islam, as is very evident from the very extensive bibliography of the subject in all the languages of Europe, not to speak of the literature written by Moslems themselves. But at the same time there is great ignorance even among cultured people of the real character of Mohammed and the real doctrine and moral value of Islam, as well as of its wide-spread aggressive power as a missionary religion. To present the subject anew needs no apology, especially since much of the best literature on Islam is inaccessible to most readers, being in a foreign language.

"This book lays no claim to originality save in the form in which the results of the labors of others in this wide field are presented. The