

FOREWORD

Two great movements are uniting in our day, like two rivers flowing together to form a larger stream—the social awakening and the modern, scientific interpretation of religion and the Bible.

At first glance, it seems as if there can be no relation between academic scholarship and our new search for social justice. Yet these movements have an extremely intimate and vital connection, which comes into view as we go behind the scenes and carefully observe the working of the forces that control the evolution of human society.

The main thought of this little book has been expressed more technically and at greater length in the writer's earlier volume, entitled *Sociological Study of the Bible*. The friendly reception given to that work has suggested this briefer presentation.