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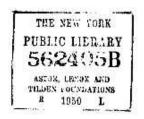
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THIS text-book is the twenty-fourth in the series published by the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions for the use of mission study classes. Eight years' experience in this work has proven that biographies constitute a most alluring thread, attracting the reader onward, by the strong interest that always attaches to virile and effective living, through the maze of acts and scenes constituting the missionary's life and environment.

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The subjects chosen for treatment in this volume are without exception persons whose lives have made their deep impression upon the peoples among whom they labored. Excepting that of Livingstone, the sketches are written by men who were intimately associated with the missionaries whose labors they portray, and they consequently have the value of personal testimony. Over against this great advantage, possessed by the writers, must be placed the serious disadvantage of space limitations. The story of great lives cannot be successfully compressed within the limits of a few pages. To offset this weakness a brief list of the best sources of additional information is given, which the reader is expected to use in order to

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fill out and give color to these life studies. The recent deaths of three of the workers account for the dearth of suggested material; but as time passes and their achievements are recorded, this difficulty will disappear. In case no fuller biographies are accessible, the reader can at least derive from omnipresent encyclopædias a fair knowledge of the environment of these dynamic workers.

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