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EDITOR'S PREFACE

THE editing of this book has brought home to the Editor the fact that nowadays Australia is three times as far away from England as Japan. Distance has made it impossible to confer to any extent, even by correspondence, with the Author. The greater gratitude is therefore due from the Editorial Committee to the Rev. Frank Paton for the generosity with which he not only gave himself wholeheartedly to writing the book, but permitted us on this side of the sea to work our will upon his MS. Exigencies of space have rendered necessary a considerable amount of cutting down, but every effort has been made to leave the balance of the book undisturbed and its appeal undiminished. We believe that readers will find it a book of thrilling interest, one that will at the same time give Study Circles ample to discuss, and one that is aglow with the apostolic fire.

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A word should be said with reference to the "Topics for Discussion" which will be found at the end of each chapter. They have been inserted in order to suggest to Leaders of Circles subjects upon which assignments might be framed, though they by no means exhaust the material for discussion which the various chapters provide. The "Helps for Leaders" are most necessary for all who have charge of Circles, and should be obtained from the respective Mission Houses.

The l'acific is a Mission Field with which no book published by the United Council for Missionary Education has yet dealt. The present volume is issued in the happy assurance that the Author has given us one well worthy of so fascinating and important a part of that world which has yet to be won for Him Whose we are and Whom we serve.

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