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*To
My Mother
who
Gave her only child
to
Africa*

INTRODUCTION

GENERAL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, of the English army, for years a distinguished soldier and traveller in South Africa, in his Foreword to "Some African Highways," a recent interesting book by Caroline Kirkland, says:—

"How I should like to be a woman! It must be nice to lie back in your cushions and watch the men doing things which they think very clever, knowing all the time that you can do them much better yourself if you only care to try.

"For instance: I am convinced that if women were to take up the art of scouting they would easily beat men at the game.

"They have a greater natural gift of observation and a most uncannily clever knack of 'putting this and that together' and then deducing meaning from the smallest signs.

"Hence it comes that when women travel into the lesser-known countries of the world, as they frequently do nowadays, they bring this power of observation into play with remarkable results. And of all women in the world I would place our American cousins at the top of the list for this particular quality.

"Unfortunately it is only too seldom that they record their impressions, but when they do their

pages ripple with little touches both quaint and human which are the direct result of quick observation and which go to paint the character of the countries and people far more vividly than the more erudite writings of the mere man who plods along basing his remarks very largely on what he has already read or been told of the country now spread out before them."

These short stories by Mrs. Springer are a good illustration of General Baden-Powell's estimate of American women as intelligent travellers, able to put their observations into up-to-date, vigorous English.

The pictures are from actual life during several years of residence and travel in Africa, and have been written with the purpose of aiding those especially interested in the redemption of that continent to understand better the conditions of the people and the missionary labours among them.

Any of these "Snapshots" would be excellent reading in meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Epworth Leagues, or of Sunday-schools, where Africa is the theme. They could not fail to arrest the attention and fix the thought of those who hear them upon the pagan heathenism which now enthralles more than one hundred million of the people of that great continent.

JOSEPH C. HARTZELL.

PREFACE

IT was about a year ago that we sat at lunch one day with Bishop Hartzell in one of the crowded restaurants of New York when the Bishop suddenly remarked, "Mrs. Springer, I think it would be an excellent thing for you to collect and work over into book form the many stories and articles which have been appearing from your pen during the past five years."

It was not a new thought. On leaving Africa, Mr. Springer has insisted on bringing all my old MSS. along with us to America for this very purpose. But so far I had not felt that I could work them up into readable matter. Nor did the Bishop's suggestion convince me.

But as I travelled about speaking almost constantly, I saw that there was a need of some book of short missionary stories which could be used in meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavours, Sunday-schools and all other missionary meetings for which it is often so difficult to arrange a live and interesting program.

Last fall I seemed to be providentially laid aside from platform work for three months and it also seemed as if that were God's time for me to take up this work of writing.

The title is meant to be a true indication of the character of the book. It is not a history of our work in Rhodesia, but a collation of such a variety of incidents of that work that I trust the whole book will give the reader an insight to the real life and