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TO THE PARENTS
OF
TOMMY AND BETTY
THIS BOOK IS
DEDICATED

INTRODUCTION

ONE of the most difficult portions of the entire elementary school curriculum to teach is that part of geography dealing with the broadest facts about the earth as a whole, *i.e.*, the continents, oceans, climate, leading surface features, etc. This is usually taught to children between eight and eleven years of age; and since the main object is merely to give the general setting of the more detailed geographical facts soon to follow, the treatment of these topics is always in danger of being so brief as to be abstract, dry, and even stultifying to children.

The two books of Jane Andrews, however, "Seven Little Sisters" and "Each and All," have shown the possibilities in this field when a master hand works it. Their two most striking merits are, first, that they do not deal with the earth alone,—the most common fault in most treatments,—but with the earth in relation to man; they center the interest in personalities, and might, in fact, be called biographical studies of geography; second, the facts are presented in story form, with a style causing them to take rank as literature. One of the great needs in this field is that of more books of this sort.

The story of Barbara's Philippine Journey bids fair, I believe, to be classed with these two books of Jane Andrews. It covers different ground with a very different plan. But it likewise presents the facts in relation to a child, and in a style that is even more simple than that of Jane Andrews, while being very attractive.

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Dear Girls and Boys,

When we made our journey to the Philippines there was just one trouble. There weren't enough children along. I was wishing all the time that the boys and girls at home could be with us to share the sights and the fun. One day Mother suggested a fine way of bringing this about. "Let us tell the story of our trip in a book," she said. "Then every child who reads may join us."

So here is the little book, and I just hope you will enjoy our Philippine journey as much as we did.

Barbara.

This is a real letter written by the little girl who made the real journey of which this "really true" story tells.