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P R E F A C E .

THE admirable Introduction to this volume, from the pen of my friend, the Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., makes a formal preface unnecessary. I wish, however, to acknowledge the kindness of those who have made this book possible by their timely aid.

My best thanks are due to the proprietors of that excellent Christian paper, *The Congregationalist*, in whose columns eight of these sketches have already appeared, for permission to republish them, together with fifteen others, in permanent form. As a fitting recognition of the invaluable aid I have received from Mrs. Josephine A. B. Goodnow of Dubuque, Iowa, her name has been placed on the title page.

I have also received valuable assistance in the matter of data, and in other ways, from Mrs. Mary E. Logan, late missionary in Micronesia; Miss Clementine Butler, Newton Centre, Mass.; the Rev. James Mudge, Lowell, Mass., late associate of Bishop Thoburn in India; the Rev. Ross Taylor, New York; and Mr. James D. Creegan of Brooklyn.

I wish also to acknowledge many courtesies from the publishers at whose suggestion the book has been prepared, and who have, through their artistic and mechanical work, left nothing to be desired.

The reader will miss the names of some famous missionaries of this century; but the plan of the book will be seen, when it is observed that we have representatives from seven denominations and sixteen mission lands. To include all the missionary heroes of our time would require several volumes.

If these sketches help to deepen sympathy for missions, and to increase gifts to the cause, and if they may be the means of leading some of our young people to follow the example of these noble men, who have given their all to build up Christ's Kingdom, they will have fully answered the purpose for which they are now sent forth.

C. C. C.

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INTRODUCTION.

I CAN scarcely conceive of a more useful book for young people to own and study than this most interesting volume of missionary biography.

If it is a vitally necessary thing for young Christians who would develop the most intelligent type of religious character to know the lives of the apostles of old, and to become familiar with their acts as recorded by the pen of inspiration, it is scarcely less important that they should study the later and no less thrilling acts of later apostles of the church.

In this volume the acts of the apostles are continued in graphic and interesting chapters. Young people everywhere, whatever their age or sex (for there is many a young man and woman with heart fresh

and unfurrowed, though the brow may be wrinkled by three-score years and ten), enjoy stirring adventures, lively incidents, and heroic stories.

No less interesting to every healthy mind is a well-written biography, a story which tells of the actual hopes and fears and joys and acts of a living man. This volume combines the excellences of the spirited story of adventure, and the graphic biography of real men and women. What more happy combination could be found? The biography in almost every case is a story of adventure; the story of adventure is a biography—a life history of some great man or woman.

After having taken a long journey through many missionary lands, my deliberate and often recorded opinion has been that, if we seek for heroes to-day, we will find them, for the most part, on missionary soil. Not that many a humble, inconspicuous life is not lived most heroically at home. I would not belittle with a single adjective of faint praise the splendid devo-