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Preface

I HAVE been honoured by the invitation to prefix a few words to the brief story of a young Missionary. I do so with thankfulness and hope, believing that the simple narrative both illustrates a gracious fact and sets forth a wholesome example. In my acquaintance with those who have received the Missionary call, I have been struck by the number who come of a godly seed. The old taunt that the children of pious parents turn out ill, is only based on exceptions which secure prominence by their rarity. On the other hand, as it should be, the instincts created by the Spirit through the influences of a holy home are the Missionary commonest causes for ambition. While there is no such thing as hereditary grace, there is a power in parental prayers, and a holy family history which, without the smallest human suggestion, nay, sometimes in most unlikely ways, prepares the soul for God's leadings into the Missionary life.

The unaffected story of John Samuel Callis is not that of a man of exceptional genius or extraordinary attainments. He was a fair type of a thoughtful, quiet young Englishman, sincere and pious, consistently living up to his knowledge of God's will. It is this which gives the book its special value. His example is no unattainable ideal, and for that reason may be the better stimulus for many a man to whom it will say, "Go thou and do likewise." The strength of our Lord's story of the Good Samaritan is that it tells of an act of simple charity within the reach of every one-of the same kind is the present memoir. And thus even the early loss of our dear young brother may, in God's way of loving wisdom, become as the corn seed dying unto life, and bearing much fruit in the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord.

H. E. F.

March, 1898.

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