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Preface

THERE is no field of literature which can supply more genuine thrills, adventures, and romance than that received from the missionaries stationed in the many different countries of the world. The adventures of mere travellers pale into insignificance beside the ordinary experiences of many missionaries. The oft-repeated lament of many religious leaders is that the wealth of mission literature is not in a form to appeal to the young people of the church. In an endeavour to meet this need, the present work was undertaken.

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Topeka, Kansas.

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WORTHINGTON GOES TO OXFORD

THE Worthington house stood back from the road, almost hidden by handsome trees which here and there beautified the spacious lawn. The semicircular driveway was the only approach to the house; when it was reached the long, low veranda gave hospitable welcome. The house was more than a century old. It was made of gray stone for the most part, but a modern wing had been added, which, however, in no way detracted from the quaintness of the old homestead. It was not far from the city of Pittsburgh,—one of those places that had passed from father to son, through several generations, undisturbed by the rush and roar of the busy city close at hand.

Some of the acres surrounding the house were still wooded, and supplied the fuel for the big old-fashioned fireplace in the library, which had been built when the older part of the house had been erected in 1770.

Little of life or stir could be seen about the place, for Chalmers, the only son, had spent most of the