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EXPLANATORY

THIS little book does not claim to be a collection of finished biographies. Like a volume on India, issued a year ago, "The Cross in the Land of the Trident," it is intended as an outline text-book for Mission Study Classes, whether conducted by the Student Volunteer Movement, or carried on by Young Peoples' Societies and women's missionary organizations. The condensation of material and the use of bold-faced type and italics are due to the desire to facilitate the acquisition of leading facts and to suggest topics and sub-topics for further reading. The enthusiastic approval of many among the thousands who have used the similarly prepared book above mentioned, has encouraged the author to again make use of this style of writing, faulty though it may be from a typographical and literary point of view.

The author hopes that in addition to a mastery of these outline facts, the user will read the fuller, and hence more living and interesting, volumes from which he has derived most of his information. Several readings have been suggested by chapter or page at the close of each chapter, and in classes some of these, at least, should be read and reported upon as valuable side-light material. Only thus can the greatest profit be derived from these studies.

Leaders of classes should possess a full biography of each of the lives outlined here, and the following are suggested as the best now in print: "The Life of Adoniram Judson,"

by his son, Edward Judson, 1883, A. D. F. Randolph & Co., New York; the two-volume-in-one edition, published by the American Tract Society of New York, of "The Life of Alexander Duff, D. D., LL. D.," by George Smith, LL. D., 1879; "John Kenneth Mackenzie, Medical Missionary to China," by Mrs Bryson, Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Chicago; and, "A. M. Mackay, Pioneer Missionary of the Church Missionary Society to Uganda," by his Sister, 1890, A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York.

The principal reason why these four have been chosen from among the many mighty men on the mission field is that they represent four different lines of missionary effort, as well as four different countries. A broader view of missionary life is thus secured than would have been the case if representatives of one land or of one phase of work were studied. This will partly account for the omission of some missionaries equally famous, though additional reasons for choosing these rather than others have also been operative. Thus the latter part of Livingstone's life, like that of Dr Peter Parker's, was only indirectly missionary, and both had severed their connection with missionary organizations. Again, Bishop Patteson and Dr Paton are omitted, because both of them labored in a field which has comparatively little connectional interest for American students, while in the case of Dr Paton, an additional reason for neglecting so marvelous a life is the fact that it has not yet reached its completion.

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Labarum, the sacred military standard of the early Christian Roman Emperors, was first adopted by Constantine the Great after his miraculous vision in 312. . . . A special guard of fifty soldiers was appointed to protect the sacred standard.—Encyclopædia Britannica.

I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. . . . I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid for me the crown of righteousness.
—St. Paul.

Thy servants will pass over, every man that is armed for war, before the Lord to battle.—Numbers xxxii. 27.

KNIGHTS OF THE LABARUM

I

JUDSON'S LIFE FROM 1788 TO 1816

IN MEMORIAM. REV. ADONIRAM JUDSON. BORN AUG. 9, 1788. DIED APRIL 12, 1850. MALDEN, HIS BIRTHPLACE. THE OCEAN, HIS SEPULCHRE. CONVERTED BURMANS, AND THE BURMAN BIBLE, HIS MONUMENT. HIS RECORD IS ON HIGH.

The above inscription, found on a marble tablet in the Baptist church at Malden, Mass., constitutes one of the interesting relics of America's early missionary history. Another, found in this same Boston suburb, is a wooden, two-storied and dormered house embowered in trees, the birthplace of "The Apostle of Burma."

Parentage. The person thus commemorated was the eldest of four children. *The father*, true to his Hebrew name, Adoniram, "Lord of height," was more like a Hebrew patriarch or Roman censor than fathers of to-day. Erect, above the ordinary height, grave and taciturn, stately and awe-inspiring, he occupied the lofty position of Congregational minister in the old-time New England community. It was his to command in the parish, and especially in his home, where he ruled as absolute monarch. Not ambitious for himself, he inordinately desired to see his children achieve greatness. To this end he largely threw the son on his own resources, and constantly held before him the possibility of becoming great. Christianity was to the father a thing surely proven and demanding immediate obedience, and any attempt to question it was tantamount