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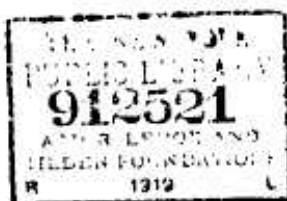
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CHILDHOOD

ALICE JACKSON was born at Styal, Cheshire, England, on December 19, 1876. Her father, Stanway Jackson, who died when Alice was thirteen years old, was an ardent Liberal in politics, an effective party worker and a powerful platform speaker. He had a keen interest, which Alice inherited, in all efforts for social progress and his interest, like hers, sought expression in practical helpfulness. He was a member of the Congregational Church, superintendent of the Sunday-school, teacher of a Men's Bible Class, and leader of a children's service. On her mother's side, Alice was descended from a long line of Congregational ministers and from both sides of the family inherited her interest in foreign

missions. In the days when the doors of the great English universities were closed to non-conformists, some of the candidates for the London Missionary Society were educated in the home of her grandfather, the Reverend William Alliott of Bedford (Howard Chapel), and such men as Griffith John of China, McFarlane of New Guinea and Cousins of Madagascar came from that library class-room. Alice was brought up with the idea that work in the Church and for the community was a matter of course.

In October, 1884, the family came to America and made a home at Englewood, N. J. Here Alice lived until she went away to Smith College, in the fall of 1894. She had as a child the same rich and varied individuality of character which marked her in later years. Some of its beauties were the natural unfolding of her early qualities, and some the triumphant conquest over what might have been narrowing limitations. She was, like many children, shy and diffident, and often shrank from meeting people. In her simple unselfishness she would think she was not wanted in one or another company, and would retire accordingly into