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Foreword

IT was Victor Hugo who said that the Eighteenth Century distinguished itself by the discovery of Man, but the glory of the Nineteenth Century was the discovery of Woman. Were he among us to-day he would complete his interpretation of history by saying that the Twentieth Century belongs to the Child. This is the Children's Century. Anything, therefore, that will help the children find their place in the coming work of the world is worth while, and what work can compare with that of winning the world for Christ?

It was to interest children, first in the wonderful lives of the missionaries themselves, and then in their great work—the greatest work in the world—that these Story-Sermons were written. They grew out of a felt need in my own church work. Leaders of Mission Bands and Lightbearer Circles and teachers of Sunday-school classes were at a loss to discover a method of approach to the missionary problem. Much of the missionary literature prepared for children is from the adult point of view and much is vague and indefinite. I trust this missionary-method may be of some help to those whose hearts have been given to the children and the world's need.

In writing this companion volume to the "Children's Story-Sermons" which has met with such a friendly welcome, I have kept before me two things: the difficulty of interesting children in missions and the necessity of introducing them to the great leaders of the modern missionary crusade. I have therefore tried to put before them authentic missionary information in definite story form, so as to appeal to the child mind and at the same time I have followed in the footsteps of the master missionaries of the Church. In remembering the story there is reason to believe the missionary will not be forgotten.

The Story-Sermons here told have been approved by the children themselves. They are always the preacher's and the teacher's self-appointed critics, and they alone, in their own country, can unfailingly sift reality from theory, the wheat from the chaff.

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