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PREFACE

"What are you going to do with the gift of life?" We to whom this gift is still a new and untried thing are standing eager-eyed before this challenging ques-What are we going to do with it? A few of us perhaps are replying, " I shall give my life to healingor to teaching-or to farming-or to social service-or to business-or to the ministry-or to home-making." Most of us, however, cannot yet answer so definitely. There are so many things which we must think about; the kind of ability we have; the opportunities of training that are ours; the claims other people have a right to make on us; the needs and opportunities in different kinds of work; and like factors. It may be many months and years before most of us can say just exactly what we are going to do in the years to come. But is there not, after all, an answer to this question which all of us can make even now?

"What are you going to do with the gift of life?"
The "Comrades in Service" of whom this book tells
were very different from each other. They were of different nations and different races; they lived in different lands and spoke different languages. Some of them
were rich and some were desperately poor; some had
every opportunity for education and some had almost

none; some had social prominence and some were slaves; some were born into beautiful Christian homes and some were taught to worship idols. But as you become acquainted with these comrade-folk I think that you will find that they were all alike in the answer they made to that ringing challenge, "What are you going to do with the gift of life?"

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