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THIS unpretentious volume is the outgrowth of experience in connection with current missionary literature of many lands and of many societies. A great many persons, widely separated from each other, through a series of years have solicited information from the author about eminent missionary women, such as could not be found except in fragments in inaccessible reports or other current literature.

To meet the want thus indicated this group of biographical sketches has been prepared, covering one or two prominent women who have been leaders or creators of missionary sentiment at home, and typical women in many missionary societies, with some independent workers. It is thus pan-denominational.

It also represents the several classes of work which women have been able to conduct on the field—educational, evangelistic, literary, medical, or eleemosynary.

The volume is not a contribution to hero-worship. The persons whose life work is so

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briefly sketched were eminently practical, sensitive, devoted, seeking not their own, but accomplishing their work without publicity except that required to insure sympathetic cooperation or to awaken inspiration in others for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Many of them entered upon their work before the Modern Woman's Societies were inaugurated, and had not the impulse of association with a great company upholding them with Christian love and prayer.

In some instances it has been impossible after protracted research even to ascertain their full names, and they appear simply as "Miss"——. It matters not if unrecorded here; "these are they," and their names are "written in the Lamb's book of life." Others eminent in their own achievements can be spoken of only under their husbands' names, because their Christian names could not be ascertained.

In a few instances sketches have been found compact and complete enough to require but slight modification to adapt them to these pages. The original source has been duly credited.

Most of the names of persons whose lives are sketched herein, are familiar to American readers; but we trust that the record presented of toil, danger, loneliness, endurance, patience,

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of Christian forbearance among strange people, in climates hostile to health, and in contact with all forms of debasing heathenism, may be an inspiration to the workers of the present day, and a source of greater interest in efforts to uplift the womanhood of the world, by all who may read its pages.

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