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PART I.

THE name of David Livingstone is now familiar as household words wherever the English tongue is spoken; and among people of other tongues too, the fame of the great African explorer is widely spread. His wonderful, almost unparalleled achievements as a traveller, in opening up the mighty continent of Africa, and pioneering the way for Christian civilization among its dusky myriads, have made his name dear to all who cherish the hope of a brighter future for the poor downtrodden sons of Africa; while his contributions to geographical science, to natural history, ethnology, and many other departments of knowledge, to say nothing of the probable effect of his discoveries on trade and commerce in the future, have justly entitled him to be regarded as a world's benefactor. Not his work alone, however, but the spirit in which he did it, has deeply impressed the heart and imagination of his countrymen. His lofty courage, which no dangers could daunt, no difficulties could quell—his unflinching perseverance amid disheartening obstacles—the pure unselfish purpose with which he wrought—the self-sacrificing spirit in which he toiled for the good of others—the deep religious tone of his whole life,—these made up a nobility of character more impressive by far than the greatness of his work, and presented to the world a life whose moral inspirations are more precious than any additions to our stores of knowledge. It was Livingstone's moral greatness which made him the true hero. It