PREFACE.

THE growing interest in Missionary work felt by all sections of the Christian Church, has led to a demand for fuller information on the subject, especially such information as will show the practical results of Missionary effort, in the enlightenment and conversion of the heathen.

The first three Sketches in the following collection are from a volume entitled "South African Mission Fields," by Rev. J. E. Carlyle; most of the others are from "Missionary Stories," and "Missionary Anecdotes," by the Rev. Wm. Moister. They will be found both interesting and profitable, combining, as they do, the historical, biographical and experimental aspects of the work. Though designed more particularly for the youth of the Church, they will interest "children of a larger growth;" and it is hoped their perusal may kindle a more fervent Missionary spirit in the Church at large.

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