

P R E F A C E .

VARIETY is said to be the "spice of life." In general this sufficiently marks the devious walks of human life to break the spell of monotony. But of some stations this is more especially true. In such, if not more frequent, it is at least more marked. The "ups and downs" differ like hillocks when compared with cragged and steep mountains. To some the transition is greater from toil to rest, from imminent danger to safety; consequently, the thermometer, indicating the degrees of pleasure or distress felt, is subject to rise higher or fall lower, proportionately.

The life of a missionary, in a wild and uncultivated field, is far from being monotonous. He is constantly brought into contact with extremes. His life is often a checkered scene not all made