

Preface

dark and comfortless. The life-stories of such men as Balaram, Yomot and Devaji show that the Gospel has lost none of its effectiveness, and that it is still "the power of God unto salvation."

It is hoped that the questions appended to each chapter will aid the young people when preparing for their meetings. They will fail of their intended purpose if they do not quicken thought, provoke discussion and incite to further study and investigation.

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The book is sent forth with the earnest prayer that it may promote mission study among the young people, and that many of those who read it may be led to consecrate themselves to the great work of world-wide evangelization.

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