

and genera are frequently wanting in the descriptions of Crantz. A few changes were also necessary to render the history conformable to the present circumstances of the country.

Far greater liberties have been taken with the remaining portion of the work, which contains the annals of the mission of the United Brethren in Greenland. Discarding the excessive prolixity with which the journals of the missionaries are abstracted, the Editors conceived that they would best attain their object by large and frequent omissions of such subordinate details as were not essential to the continuity of the narrative, while they gave at large only the more prominent and interesting parts.

In addition to Crantz's own continuation of several years of the narration, which has not appeared in English, the sources resorted to for the sequel of the history, have been the continuations of the History of the Brethren, in German, and the Periodical Accounts. Nor should we omit to mention the able and judicious "*Historical Sketches of the Brethren's Missions*," by the Rev. J. Holmes, to which the Editors have considerable obligations in this part of their labours. With respect to the Notes, it may be sufficient to observe, that they have been added, either to explain what appeared imperfect and unsatisfactory in the original, or to illustrate various interesting subjects. The insertion of such notes as touch upon debatable ground, will, it is hoped, be construed charitably, as they are not intended for the purpose of controversy, but of illustration.

For a favourable reception from the Public, the Editors mainly rely upon the intrinsic value of the work itself. It has long been a standard one in all that relates to Greenland, a distinction which the Author has deservedly gained by his industry and discrimination in collecting materials during his residence of a year in the country, and in collating the accounts of previous writers; together with his well known integrity in all that he advances upon his