

Preface.

THIS little volume was undertaken from the twofold conviction that, while the interest felt in Missionary work must very much depend on a knowledge of its details, the length of time that has elapsed since the commencement of many of our Missions renders their early history almost inaccessible to general readers.

It is now sent out to bear, however feebly, another testimony to the power, love, and faithfulness of our God, and "to the praise of the glory of His grace who hath made us accepted in the Beloved."

And the writer will have abundant cause for gratitude if it shall please Him to bless it, in any degree, to the stirring up of the lukewarm, to the encouragement of the faint-hearted, or to the increased thankfulness of the long-tried friends of Missions.

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