

for God and the spreading of His kingdom on earth. Besides, our object is to edify the reader by the recital of the labors, trials, and success of a truly Apostolic man, a Christian gentleman in the full sense of the word, a model Indian missionary and bishop. He united in himself the activity of Martha and the contemplativeness of Mary, being wonderful in both.

We have utilized the annual reports of the Leopoldin Society of Vienna, Austria, kindly furnished us by His Grace, Most Rev. Frederic Katzer, of Milwaukee, and Very Rev. Father Rainer, rector for many years of the Salesianum. Baraga usually wrote to the above-named society every year, giving a faithful account of his labors, trials, and success in the Indian missionary field. We have deemed it unnecessary to always designate in what annal and on which page were to be found the extracts taken from Bishop Baraga's letters. However, in most cases, we have given the dates of his letters used in the preparation of this work. As to other sources of information, we have endeavored to always mention the author's name or the social standing of our informant, thus enabling the reader to judge of the reliability of his statements. Truth the reader wants, not exaggeration, or foolish tales. Our work is but a compilation. We have put together and arranged what others personally acquainted with the saintly man have said and written. Although this work has cost us much labor, it has been a labor of love.

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