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CHAIRMAN AND WESLEYAN MINISTERS

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"As workers together with him."-St. Post.



INTRODUCTION.

The present undertaking has been commenced and concluded, under the pressure of full employment in ministerial engagements; from the conviction, that, although reports of the operations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society are presented to its subscribers from year to year, faithfully exhibiting the great and leading features of that success with which it has pleased the Great Head of the Church, among other kindred institutions, to favour us: yet, at the same time, comparatively little is known, even through that medium, of the localities and other minutiæ of our nearest Missionary Stations.

There are numberless matters of interest, which come under the eye of the Missionary alone; and thus, every labourer in the foreign field is the depositary of incidents and circumstances, brought beneath his own observation, which, if they could but be known, would be a source of interest and of profit to the world at large.

The idea has frequently presented itself, that a series of works of a similar character to the present, at least in its plan and design, may yet before long be presented to the Christian world; so as to form a class in the family library, at present only partially occupied. It is not intended to intimate that no such works have been published; on the contrary, we have memorials from South Africa, South Seas, West Indies, &c., &c., of a class much superior to the present effort; but it appears still to remain for a popular series of sketches to be published from each Foreign District, which shall embrace statistical, historical, topographical, and general features of such district, including remarkable cases of conversion and death, which will always be interesting and profitable in connection with such details; and being furnished by the Missionaries themselves, may be received as an unbiassed and authentic record.

Although the writer of the following pages has not the assurance to think, that he has struck out a new line of thought or action, or, that the present little effort may be thought worthy to occupy a place, except in the very rear of such a series: he still hopes, that the presumption of the undertaking may be lost sight of, so that the admission of the intention may be allowed, even where criticism may condemn the execution of the same.

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