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*To those noble men and pious women
Whose heroic work and labor of love
For the Red Man
The following pages describe,
This book is affectionately dedicated*

PREFACE

THESSE unpretentious pages are sent forth in the hope that the friends of missions may be informed as to what the Lutheran Church has done and is doing in bringing the Gospel to the Red Man. The author has collected and put into convenient form the facts of this half-forgotten work, of which no complete treatment has ever appeared, but which is worthy of an adequate presentation. As natural in a book of this kind, his indebtedness to others is large. This refers especially to chapters III and IV. In other parts the author has not hesitated now and then to adapt or to take over an adequate rendering. The Bibliographical Notes at the end of the book will give a more detailed account of the sources. However, every effort has been made to verify facts and statements, and to render the account as clear as possible. For the work being done at present the missionaries themselves have been constant and willing helpers. Sincere thanks are due them for their ungrudging co-operation. The manuscript dealing with their particular mission was submitted to them, tho the author alone must be held responsible for mistakes and shortcomings that may occur.

If the little book, the result of a labor of love in leisure hours, should acquaint the reader somewhat with the Lutheran contribution to the Christianization of the Red Man, and instil in him true love for the noble task, the efforts of the undersigned will have been more than rewarded.

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Sioux Falls, S. D., April 18, 1921.

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