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## PREFACE

This monograph represents primarily an attempt to describe the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, in behalf of elementary instruction in the province of New York. The writer has included, however, such evidences of secondary instruction by the Society's agents as have been found among the available records; and the evidences of other schools in the province, as these were from time to time reported by the S. P. G. schoolmasters. The Negro school carried on by the Bray Associates in New York City has been included also because of the very close alliance between their activity and that of the Society.

The sources for the study have been found almost entirely in various London archives. This material, the writer feels, has been exhaustively reviewed. American sources, for the most part, refer back to the London records, but both these and other available local sources have been examined.

Attention should be called to certain peculiarities in the page references to some of the volumes of the S. P. G. manuscripts. This is because the paging is irregular. For instance, "S. P. G. Journal, I, p. (10)" indicates the second part of that volume. Again, "Letter-book A, 9, 7 fol. 97" is so written because the volume is divided into fifteen sections, the New York part beginning at fol. 97. The above reference would indicate the seventh letter in the New York section.

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