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ACCOUNT OF THE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF VARIOUS TRIBES
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P R E F A C E.



THE incidents recorded in the following pages are culled from the journals of Captain Robinson. It was his custom, for many years, to record the most prominent facts and incidents in his journeys for the pleasure and profit of his family at home. His journal contained many things which were of interest only to his dearest relatives; of these we have taken no notice. His references to the faults and failings, virtues and excellencies of himself and others, were intended to warn his children against the evil, and to induce them to imitate the good. In many cases we have had to curtail and remodel the details given by Mr. Robinson, but to the real facts, as found in his journal, we have strictly adhered.

The various incidents given in this narrative of Captain Robinson's life we think are worthy of public record, and will be read with interest by

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Primitive Methodists, in consequence of their connection with the establishment of our mission at Fernando Po.

The zealous labours of the pious carpenter of the *Elgiva*, Mr. Hands, together with the account of his death, are so closely allied to the narrative of the life of Captain Robinson and the introduction of Primitive Methodism into Fernando Po, as to need no apology for their brief record in these pages. "The memory of the just is blessed."

A strong desire to render pecuniary assistance to the bereaved family of Captain Robinson has been the chief object of the writer in preparing this little volume for publication.

J. H.

March, 1874.



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CHAPTER I.

Captain Robinson's Parentage and Boyhood Days.



WILLIAM ROBINSON, the subject of this narrative, was born in the parish of Botolph, Aldgate, London, on the 17th April, 1817. His parents were not rich; but they would have been in a considerably better position than they were had they not unfortunately placed their confidence in an unfaithful friend.

William's father, when a youth, settled in Philadelphia, with the view of becoming a surgeon; but, having no taste for medicine, he became a carpenter. Fortune smiled upon him, and he acquired moderate wealth. At that time, however—probably a hundred years ago—the social condition of the Americans was vastly different from what it is at present. Then, her inhuman