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PREFATORY NOTE.

WITH nearly all of those whose cases are here narrated, it was my privilege to have more or less personal intercourse. In so far as the information thus obtained was defective, owing to my limited opportunities, as it could hardly fail to be, it has been supplemented by friends, clerical and lay, who were conversant with the facts. To all such I beg to tender my grateful acknowledgments.

Though I had the pleasure of visiting the stations of various churches and societies, these visits were mostly of too casual a nature to permit of my becoming acquainted with particular cases, such as was vouchsafed to me in connection especially with the Missions of the Free Church of Scotland.

I would willingly aid in perpetuating the memory of the noble men who laid the foundations of the Christian Church in South Africa—the names, in particular, of Schmidt, Lemmertz, and Hoffman of the Moravian Missions; Vanderkemp, Philip,

Campbell, Williams, Moffat, Livingstone, Brownlee, Calderwood, Birt, and Mackenzie of the London Missionary Society; Gray, Callaway, and Taberer of the Propagation Society; Shaw (Barnabas and William), Shepstone, and Appleyard of the Wesleyan Missionary Society; Adams, Lindley, Grout, and Tyler of the American Board; Thomson, Bennie, Ross, Chalmers, Weir, Macdiarmid, Laing, Govan, Cumming, and Allison of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland; Pellissier, Casalis, and Coillard of the Paris Missionary Society; Dohne, Posselt and his son from the Berlin Mission; Creux and Berthoud from the Canton de Vaud; Schrueder from the Norwegian Missionary Society. Such names deserve to be held in loving and lasting remembrance.

The author hopes the admirable Map by Messrs, Bartholomew & Co., may prove useful. The want of such an aid in books in which places are described has often been felt. Thus Sir Walter Scott, in thanking Southey for his "History of Brazil," says,—"There is only one defect I can point out—I mean the want of a good map. For, to tell you the truth, with my imperfect atlas of

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South America, I can hardly trace these same Tups of yours (which in our border dialect signifies rams), with all their divisions and sub-divisions, through so many ramifications, without a carte de pays."

The following "Short and Simple Annals" of a few members of the African race are sent forth with the prayer that they may be accompanied by the Divine blessing, and in the hope that the same generous consideration shown by the Press in connection with my previous publications will be extended to me in the present instance.

R. Y.

2, MERCHISTON PLACE,.

Edinburgh, July, 1892.



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