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"*Ali multa perfectant; nos nonnulla consumur; Illi possunt; nos volumus.*"

"*Others accomplish many things—we endeavour to effect something; they have the power, we have the will!*"

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Dedication.

To my brethren in the Lutheran ministry, this volume is most affectionately and respectfully inscribed; with the fervent prayer, that by carefully studying the history of the Salzburgers, and especially the unfeigned devotion and ardent zeal of the first preachers of the American Lutheran Church, we may all be stimulated to aim at a more elevated standard of piety, and consecrate ourselves afresh to His service, who hath redeemed us with his blood, and honoured us by appointing us his ambassadors, to reconcile the world unto himself.

THE AUTHOR.

Preface.

THIS little volume is submitted to the public with an unfeigned diffidence, and with many apprehensions that it may not meet the expectations, even of those who have most warmly urged its publication. The means of information which the author possessed, were too limited, to justify the belief that the book could possibly be regarded as a complete and satisfactory history of the Salzburgers. It is, however, to be hoped, that notwithstanding its many defects, a sufficient number of interesting facts have been presented, to render the work acceptable to those who read for instruction, and not to indulge a spirit of captious criticism. The author is sensible of his incompetency to do justice to the subject, and he would cheerfully have committed the undertaking to abler hands. If he shall accomplish no more than to rescue the Salzburgers from the obscurity into which they have been permitted to lapse, he will not have laboured in vain. The hope is cherished that, under the blessing of God, this work may be the means of kindling in the heart of every one who may peruse it, a sincere desire to emulate the lofty piety and Chris-

tian heroism of those, who in the maintenance of their religious principles cheerfully suffered "the loss of all things," and have furnished an example of patient endurance, under every form of persecution, and of ardent zeal in the cause of Christ, which furnishes one of the brightest pages in the history of the church since the days of the apostles.

P. A. STROBEL.

AMERICUS, Georgia, *March*, 1855.

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“THE Committee appointed by Synod to examine the manuscript ‘History of the Salzbergers and their Descendants at Ebenezer,’ by the Rev. P. A. Strobel, beg leave to submit the following report:

“They have carefully examined the manuscript, and cheerfully express their gratification at the judicious selection of the materials from various sources difficult of attainment, by which a historical sketch has been given of the cruel persecutions, the Christian firmness, and devoted piety of the ancient Salzbergers.

“In recommending the work to the patronage of the Christian public, and especially the members of our own communion, they feel assured that the readers will be amply rewarded in the elevated standard of Christianity which this volume holds out for their imitation.”

JOHN BACHMAN, D.D.
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A. J. KARN.

November 13, 1854.