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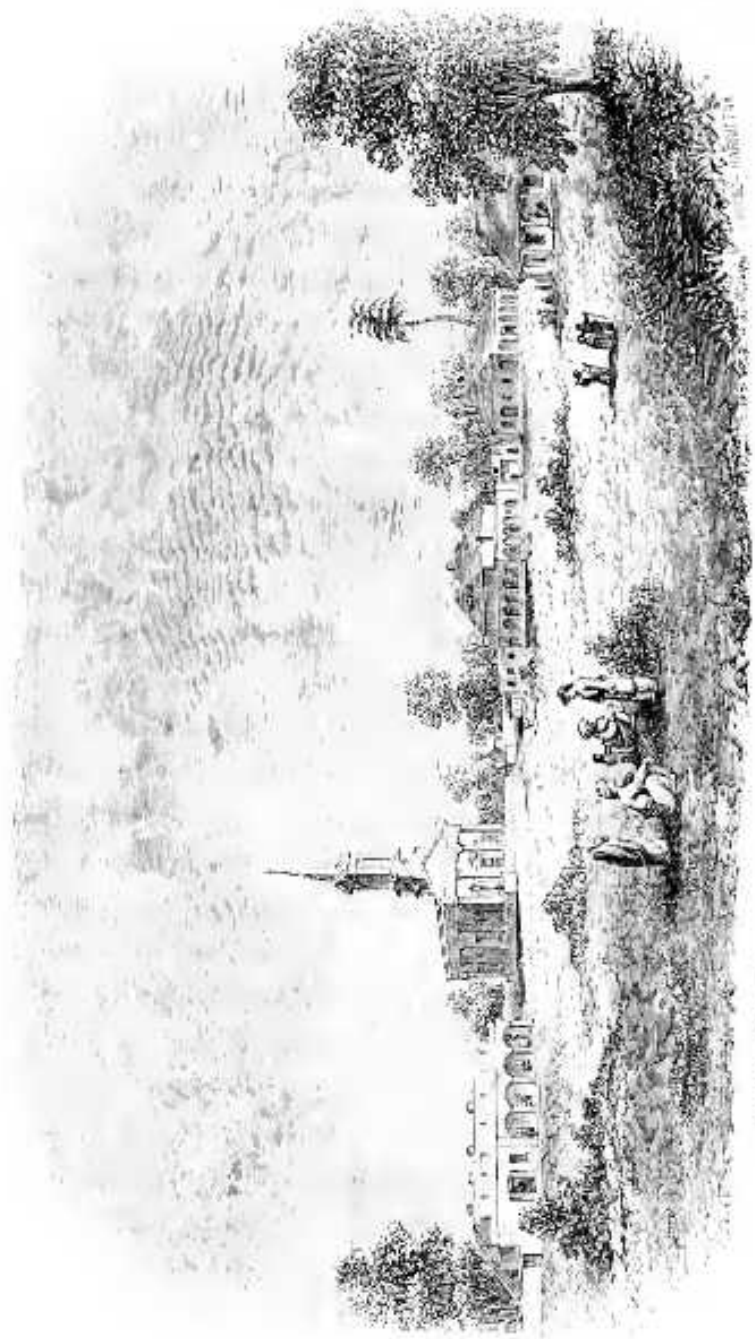
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Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.—*ISA. xli. 4.*

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTICE.

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AN earnest desire to promote increased attention to the great work of evangelizing the world, has caused the preparation and publication of the following volume. The respected author was led at an early period in life to consecrate himself to the work of Foreign Missions; and since 1835 he has been actively engaged in it, nearly all of this time having been spent in India. His opportunities for being fully acquainted with the subject he discusses, connected with the earnestness and perspicuity with which he presents it, give the work a value which it is hoped will be properly appreciated. Several well-known friends of the cause of foreign missions have given assistance in its publication, whose kindness is gratefully acknowledged. Our thanks are especially due to Messrs. CARTER, of New York, who have furnished the casts from which the illustrations have been electrotyped, and to Mr. JOSEPH P. ENGLER, of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, who has taken great interest in the work, and afforded much aid in preparing it for the press. We hope that all who have given assistance in the work, or yet may aid it, will find in the good it accomplishes an abundant satisfaction for their ser-



vices. The general circulation of books of this character is certainly well calculated to arouse the slumbering disciples of the Saviour to a sense of the obligation and privilege of "preaching the gospel to every creature." The apathy with which the subject is viewed by the great mass of professing Christians is truly painful and alarming, and excites the fear that unless the church "repent and do the first works," in imitation and emulation of the zeal of primitive Christianity, the Saviour, justly displeased with such disobedience to his authority, and such indifference to the eternal happiness of souls perishing for lack of knowledge, may "come quickly and remove the candlestick out of its place," extinguishing the light and destroying the influence of the church where it now exists. The Board of Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in publishing this volume, hope that it will be accompanied by the Divine blessing, and made effectual for the great object which the author so much desires to advance, and to which no real Christian can be indifferent.

## PREFACE.

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AFTER all that has been published of late years, not only in the *Journals of Missionaries*, but in the many other interesting volumes that have issued from the press respecting the character and condition of the heathen, and the duty of professing Christians to send them the gospel, it must be acknowledged that, on these important subjects, but few as yet are in possession of definite information. The writer of the following pages has long been convinced that this is a principal reason why so little, heretofore, has been felt for the perishing heathen, and, comparatively, so little done toward their evangelization. This impression was strengthened during his late visit to Ireland, Scotland, and the United States. While providentially called to appear before the churches connected with the Reformed Presbyterian Synods in these lands, as well as before many other Christian churches, it was expected that some account would be given of the missionary work in India, and of that peculiar people the Hindús, among whom he has long resided. With this object in view, the substance of the following volume was prepared, and delivered in various places in the form of lectures. In this way it was gratifying to think that when necessarily absent, for a time, from the scenes of his former labours, some good was accomplished in extending missionary information, and some interest excited in behalf of the perishing multitudes of Hindústán. As, however, his stay in the United States was short, and as he never expects to have another opportunity of pleading the cause of benighted India in a Christian land, he has been induced to comply with the

urgent request of many of the warm friends of missions by sending this small volume to the press. While, therefore, he gratifies his friends, he hopes, even when on the other side of the globe, or, it may be, when in his grave, to have the satisfaction of contributing to a cause in which he must ever feel the deepest interest. It is his prayer especially that it may be the means of promoting a missionary spirit among the youth in Christian families and Sabbath-schools. These are the future hope of the church and of missions. In them he feels a deep interest, and to them particularly he takes the liberty of inscribing it.

Considering the number of works on the peculiarities of the Hindús that already exist, it could hardly be expected that any thing now written on that subject would possess much originality. The author of this unpretending work has, in general, confined himself to giving a narrative of facts, as these came under his own observation during his residence and travels in India. He has found, however, among the writings of Sir William Jones, Ward, Duff, Campbell, Buyers, and others, and also in numerous articles in the *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, much that is interesting regarding the religion and literature of Hindústán; and when the views thus presented have accorded with personal observation, he has been happy to draw from such respectable authorities, though he has not thought it necessary to occupy his pages with references. Indeed, on the subject of the religious belief of the Hindús, all modern writers have been in a great measure indebted to those who have unlocked parts of the immense masses of Sanscrit lore and lumber,—of folly and fiction, which are embodied in the Shasters or sacred books.

Before closing, the author would take this opportunity of expressing his warmest thanks to the friends through whose kindness and assistance he has been enabled to carry these pages through the press. May the Lord bless this feeble attempt to promote the extension of his kingdom in heathen lands.

*Saháranpúr, North India, Sept. 26, 1849.*