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Yours faithfully  
Thomas Cook*

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## PREFACE.

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**F**ROM the commencement of Mr. Cook's ministry as a Lay Evangelist, I have been familiar with his work, and taken a deep interest in it. It has been my lot to be associated with him in several missions. I have also had the privilege of occasionally receiving him into my house as a welcome guest.

The result has been, that a somewhat close intimacy has sprung up between Mr. Cook and myself; and during recent years we have been in the habit of conversing together in private about the subjects in which we are both profoundly interested, and which are treated upon in the following pages.

The idea of my writing an account of Mr. Cook's early ministry did not first occur to me; but when it was suggested, I was, for several reasons, not unwilling to entertain it. I knew myself to be in the fullest accord with the spirit, aims, and views of the Evangelist. I had the deepest sense of the im-

portance of the blessed work which God has permitted him to do during the last ten years. And I was disposed to think that, if such a narrative were written, it might, by the Divine blessing, encourage God's people, and stimulate evangelists and lay preachers, and perhaps even the rising ministry of Methodism,—if I may say all that is in my heart,—to emulate the Evangelist's singleness of purpose and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now that the task is done, I can only hope that he who reads may share the blessing which has come to him who writes, as the result of this fellowship with Mr. Cook.

I wish to add, that in many instances I have given the names of the authorities for the statements I have made about the various missions. In other cases I have obtained the information either from Mr. Cook, or from his correspondence, or from friends who were connected with the work they describe. I have sometimes been able to write of Mr. Cook's missions from personal knowledge.

Care has been taken to insure perfect accuracy; and I venture to hope that it will be found by the candid reader, that the use of inflated language has been avoided; and that, however imperfect the style of the book may be when considered from the point of view of the literary man, the language is not

unworthy of the writer's purpose, which is to narrate a real work of God.

The opinions expressed in the book are my own. They are the result of twenty-one years' experience in the Wesleyan-Methodist ministry, and of much meditation, not of yesterday. They are also fully shared by Mr. Cook; and therefore, whatever may be their worth, they may be accepted as the deliberate views of a Circuit minister and a Connexional Evangelist. For all personal references to Mr. Cook, I am alone responsible. It has been no part of my intention to increase his fame. I have simply wished to make it appear that an Evangelist is amongst us whose labours it has pleased God to bless in a remarkable manner.

I may add that the work is innocent of all literary pretence. It has been written during an active ministry in a London Circuit, amid many distractions; and it must therefore be judged accordingly.

May the blessing of our gracious God rest upon this imperfect attempt to describe, for His glory, the special work which He has enabled His servant to do!

HENRY T. SMART.