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PREFACE

This study in immigration was undertaken while the writer was a student in the Universities of Bonn and Berlin, and was presented as a Doctor's thesis. The study grew out of his interest in the Asiatic problem as seen in this country, and the difficulties met in its solution here. In addition to the writer's interest in the coolie was his interest in the Negro in the South, a race with which he had an intimate acquaintance. In addition to the interest in both these problems as presented in this country, the experiment with the coolies in South Africa is rich in new material for study and information.

Those introducing the Chinese into the Transvaal believed that they had an inexhaustible source of cheap labor supply. The whole plan of its use, however, was experimental on account of the nature of the indenture under which the coolies worked.

This book represents a translation and an elaboration of the original study presented for the thesis.

The primary purpose of the work is to present a study of the Chinese laboring under new conditions. It is hoped that it may contribute to the solution of the problem which has agitated different parts of our country in the past few decades, and which has not yet been entirely solved.

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