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PREFACE

THIS text-book is one of a series, prepared primarily for the use of mission study classes in colleges and other institutions of higher learning, but also largely for study classes in churches and young peoples' societies. The somewhat peculiar typography and paragraph arrangement are accounted for by the fact that an experience of six years has proven the desirability of some such aid to the busy student or reader. The Analytical Index at the close has likewise been found useful in the class-room, as well as to the reader who desires to learn at a glance the scope of the volume. In class work it is desirable that some of the additional readings, referred to in Appendix A., be made use of. The map and its index of mission stations will also be helpful to the reader and student.

The great need of a comprehensive sketch of Protestant effort in South America is perfectly obvious to any one at all conversant with missionary literature. So far as we are aware, this text-book, brief though it is, contains the most complete account of Protestant missions in that continent that has yet appeared. Every effort has been made to secure as trustworthy information as is possible. The several writers were secured because of their intimate knowledge of the lands and work which they have described. It is earnestly hoped that their efforts will result in a great quickening of interest in this "Neglected Continent," on the part, not only of students, but also in the hearts of all Christians.

GEOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL

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SOUTH AMERICA is so extensive that it is impossible to present in a brief text-book anything more than a comprehensive view of the various parts, with a summarized sketch of the work of Protestant Missions in its several countries. In selecting material for the opening chapter, choice has been made of those facts which most affect its varied races and especially those features which make clear the environment of foreigners living and laboring on the continent. Full details concerning its lands, peoples and missions must be looked for in more extended works, a few of which are referred to in the Bibliography, found in Appendix A.

I. Panoramic View of South America.—If this continent, containing some 7,000,000 square miles,—nearly one-seventh of the land surface of the globe—could pass northward beneath the eye of a beholder poised hypothetically in mid-air above its central meridian, a most varied and remarkable scene would greet his delighted vision. First he would see, as he looked southward toward the vast pear-shaped mass, the low-lying, verdure-clad shores skirting the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic. The well-wooded expanse of the Guianas would fade out into the llanos of Venezuela and Colombia and the northern slopes of the Andes. Next would appear the Guiana highlands succeeded by the selvas,