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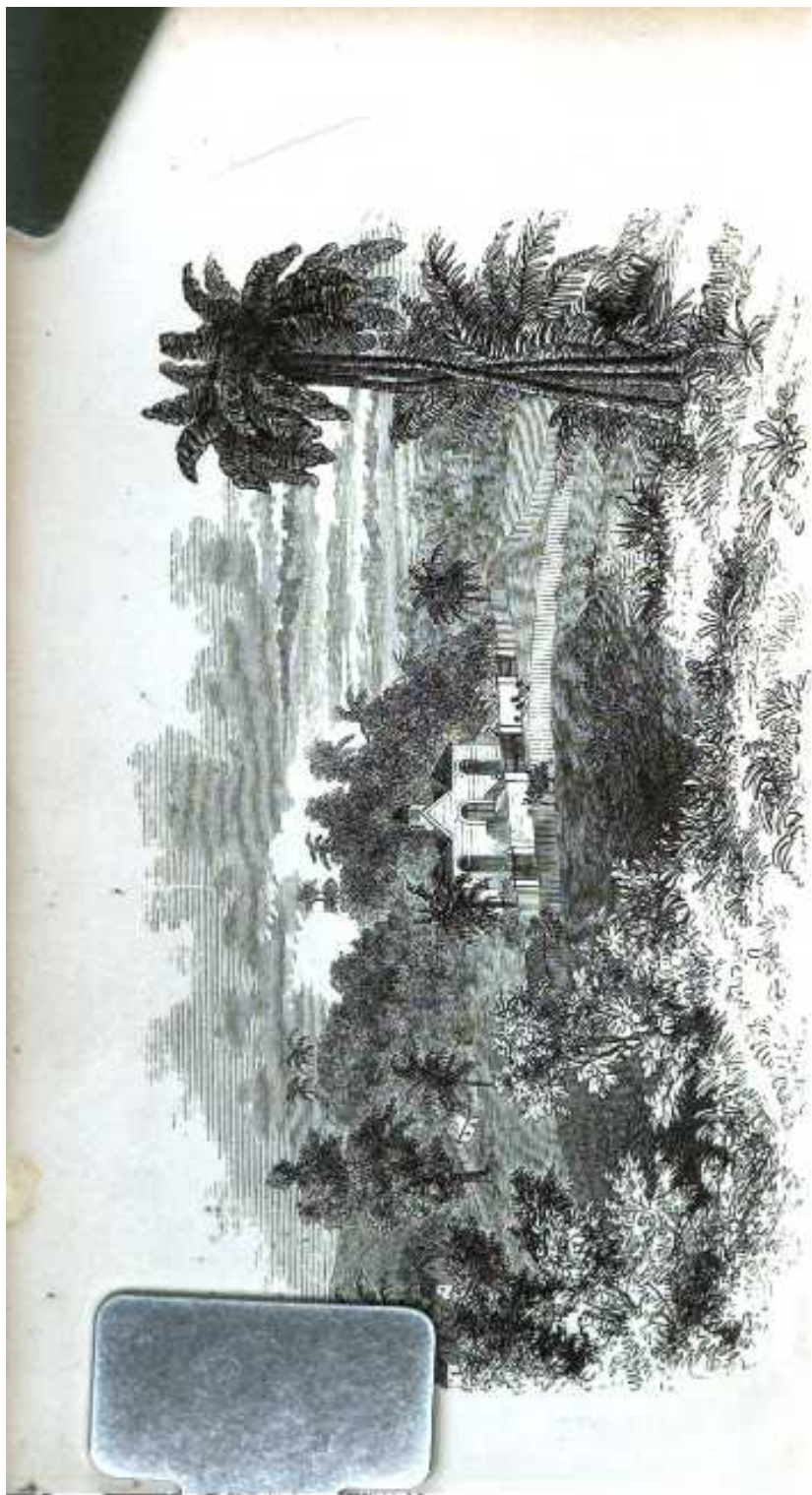
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BY THE
REV. GEORGE BLYTH,
THIRTY YEARS A MISSIONARY IN BURMA AND JAMAICA.

* Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; and, lo, I am with you alway,
even unto the end of the world."—MATT. xxviii. 19, 20.

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P R E F A C E .

THE following pages having been written during intervals of visits, which I have paid to a number of towns and congregations, in the course of the last nine months, may probably be deemed deficient in uniformity, or perhaps liable to the charge of repetition. For such blemishes, I trust the circumstances in which they were written will plead an apology. The object which I have kept in view being the advantage of the church and her missions, and not literary reputation, my impressions on the various topics discussed have been recorded with all simplicity, just as they occurred to my recollection. As the work is not strictly historical, dates are not always given; but I trust such reflections as I have introduced will be found neither trifling nor prolix. I have endeavoured to render the work interesting and instructive to such as wish information about missions, and hope it will be found not unsuitable for the drawing-rooms and cottages of church members, as well as the libraries of congregations. There may occasionally be an appearance of *egotism*, which I felt to be un-

pleasant; but having undertaken to record recollections somewhat approaching to *autobiography*, such appearance could not be avoided without injury to the narrative.

The woodcuts which illustrate this volume have added considerably to its expense. This would have been greatly increased if the Rev. A. SOMERVILLE, Secretary of the Mission Board, had not favoured me with the use of the greater part of the daguerrotypes. I regret that I have been disappointed in not obtaining views of New Broughton and Kingston Churches. The manner in which the masons in Jamaica cut the stones used in facing, gives the churches a more expensive appearance than the reality. Although several of the buildings may seem extravagant, they were built upon as economical principles as were consistent with durability.

I commit this volume to the church and world, earnestly imploring the divine blessing to render it subservient to the cause of christian missions, especially those of Jamaica, in which I spent many of the happiest days of my life, and of which I will ever cherish a pleasing recollection.

MAY 22, 1851.

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