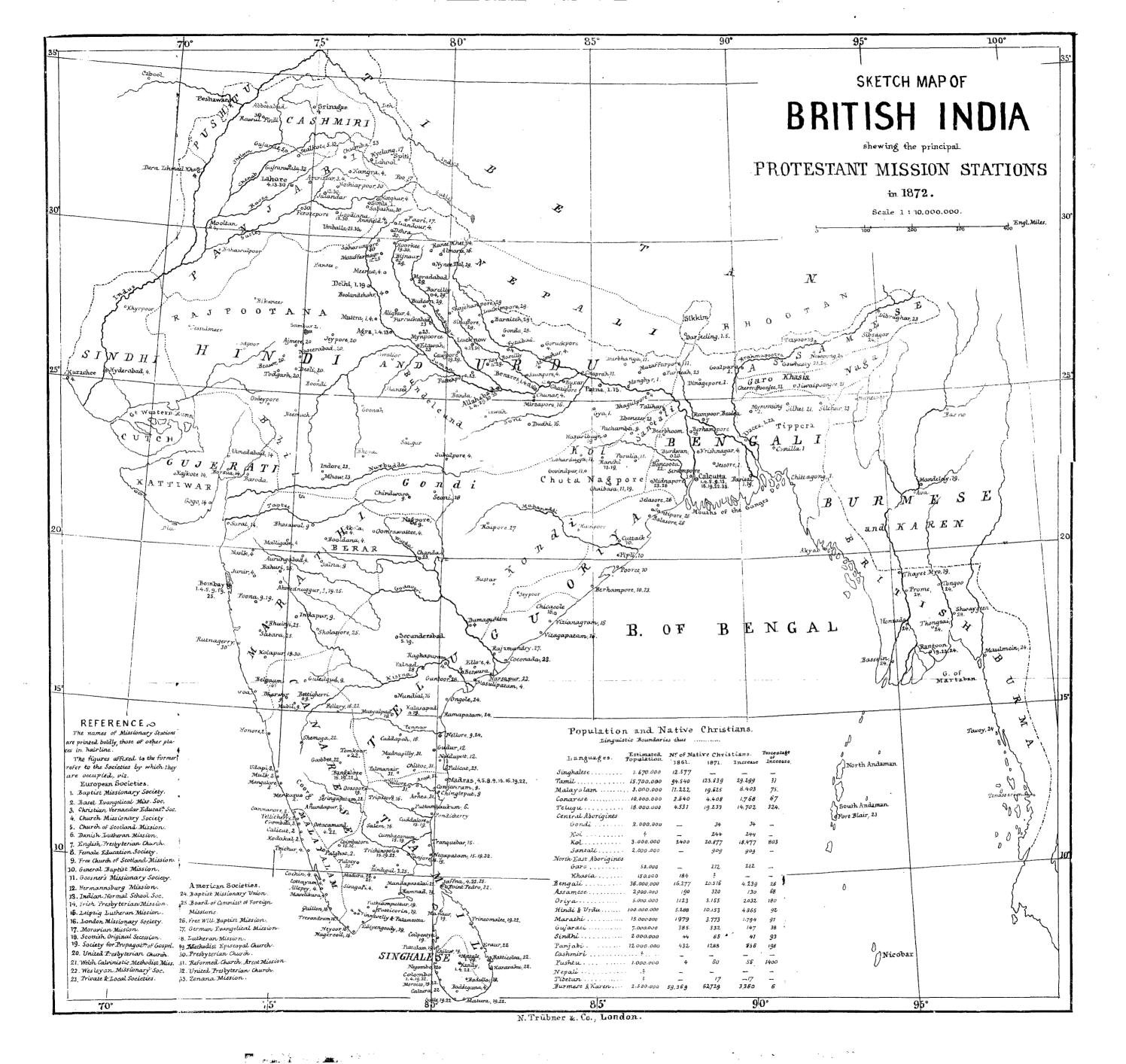
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PREFACE.

Among the beneficent influences at work in India, not the least potent and pervasive is Christianity. aim of this work is to show historically what Protestant Missions have accomplished in India since their commencement in the beginning of the last cen-In pursuance of this object, I have collected together all the important events of these Missions, and have presented them in a succinct and consecutive narrative, thus striving to give a complete view, as in a panorama, of their operations and achievements. Notwithstanding the numerous reports which have been for many years issued by missionaries concerning their respective fields of labour, it has hitherto been wellnigh impossible to gain an adequate and distinct conception of the wonderful work which has been accomplished in the evangelisation of the people of While leaving matters of unnecessary detail, I have endeavoured to furnish an outline of the various methods, plans, and projects which have been pursued in the formation and growth of the Indian Protestant Church, sufficiently minute to be correct, and yet so compacted together and interwoven as to suffer neither in unity nor comprehensiveness. desire, in short, has been to show how the wave of Christianity, commencing in one corner of the land,

has gradually advanced until it has spread over the entire country.

The ancient creeds of India, which, like wild luxuriant plants, have brought forth pernicious fruit in abundance, nevertheless demand our profoundest study. Surely, therefore, we cannot withhold the same attention and consideration from another faith, which although in its influence upon India dates, as compared with the older ones, only from yesterday, yet seeks to attain what they never designed, namely, to make men pure and holy like God Himself, and has in some small degree, in many places, achieved its transcendent purpose.

I earnestly trust that this historical sketch will tend to stimulate the zeal of the Churches at home in behalf of the great enterprise of Missions in India.

I wish to render my warmest thanks to the Editors of the Report of the General Missionary Conference held at Allahabad in 1872–73, for permission to make use of their valuable Missionary Map of India in this work.

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Benares, April 30, 1874.

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