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This work first appeared as a part of the "History of American Missions," published at Worcester, Mass, in 1840. In disposing of the first edition, of 2500 copies, it was found that the wishes of many purchasers would be better met by a separate publication of the histories of which it was composed. This second edition has been prepared accordingly.

The whole work has been carefully revised by the author, aided by the notes and remarks of missionaries and others, best able to detect its inaccuracies, and point out its defects. The history is brought down as near to the time of publication, as documents from the several missions render practicable. There are, however, many things in the documents of the last five or six years especially, of which time has not yet shown the bearing or the value, and which, as they cannot now be advantageously used, must be left to enrich the pages of some future historian of the Board.

Some changes have been made in the illustrations. A few unimportant cuts have been thrown out, some of the maps have received corrections, and some new maps are added.

In the text the orthography of Arabic names has been changed, in accordance with the system which was proposed by the convention of American missionaries at Jerusalem, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Robinson, in 1838, and which will probably be adopted by writers generally. In the maps, the change could not well be made; so that the same place is called Mansuriyeh in the text, and Mansooreea on the map.

Some attempts have been made, to improve the work as a book of reference; and it is hoped that in its present form, any remembered fact mentioned in it will be easily found. To some extent, it may serve as an index to the Missionary Herald and Reports of the Board; though it should be remembered that the events which occurred in a single year, and in this work are narrated in the history of that year, are often scattered through two or three volumes of the Herald, and two or three Annual Reports. In those publications, a more full account of many things may be found. In some cases, however, their statements are less complete. During the persecution at Constantinople, for example, it was thought unsafe to publish much that was known; as it would immediately go back to Constantinople, and provoke the persecutors to greater violence.

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