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AND TO THE SOCIETIES AND CONGREGATIONS
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THIS ATTEMPT TO NARRATE THE PRINCIPAL INCIDENTS
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OF WESLEYAN METHODISM IN THIS
LOCALITY,

IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

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P R E F A C E .

THE memory of the past is like a stream, which bears the wreck of some noble structure on its bosom, while the analyst may be compared to a person standing on its banks, trying to collect as many of its floating fragments as possible : but after his most careful and patient endeavours, he finds it impossible to reconstruct out of the disjointed materials, though ample they be, anything like a complete restoration of the original.

In the present attempt the narrator, although not satisfied in some respects with his gatherings, yet deems them too valuable to be again cast into the stream, and suffered to float down the dark waters of oblivion. If by this brief history he shall succeed in bringing the influences of the past to bear on the present and

future, so as to infuse a measure of the simple, earnest, self-denying, magnanimous, and godly spirit of the early Methodists into the hearts of the present race of Wesleyans, he will deem himself amply repaid for his toil.

J. B. D.

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