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WHEREVER FOUND.

THIS VOLUME

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Most Respectfully Dedicated,

BY

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OUR AUTHORITY.

“Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God; and observe to do all the words of this law; And that their children, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God.”—Deut. xxxi. 12, 13.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”—Prov. xxii. 6.

“Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.”—Matt. xix. 14. Mark x. 14. Luke xviii. 16.

P R E F A C E .

ABOUT thirty years ago, while attending the first Sabbath School of which I have any recollection, in the village of Mt. Carmel, Kentucky, I took from its library a small volume entitled "A Memoir of William Fox, Founder of the Sunday School Society." I read it, returned it to the library, and treasuring up some of its truths have never forgotten them. Since that time I have often mentioned some of the facts narrated in it, but seldom found, even among ministers of the gospel, any who seemed to have the least knowledge of the man, the book, or the historic information it contained. I never saw another copy of it until the summer of 1858. Having occasion to spend about three months in the city of Philadelphia, through the kindness of a friend I gained access to the old Philadelphia Library, founded by Benjamin Franklin, and spent many hours perusing its ancient volumes. Running my eye over the catalogue one day, I saw the title of the little book I had read so long before. I called for it, and upon exam-