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PREFACE.

THE manuscript Journal of the old Western Conference is the property of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has, for the past number of years, been deposited in the Library of Ohio Wesleyan University. The Journal of the Western Conference covers ninety-seven pages of the manuscript volume, while the latter part of the volume is given over to the Journals of the Ohio Conference from 1812 to 1826, inclusive. None of these Journals have before been published. Unfortunately Methodism has not been careful of her historical documents, and it is hoped that the appearance of this document may encourage the publication of others.

In many respects the Journal of the Western Conference is the most important historical document relating to the establishment of Methodism in the Mississippi Valley. The heart of Methodism lies in the Mississippi Valley; there live the bulk of her membership, there she has performed her greatest achievements, and there perhaps lies her most brilliant future. For these reasons, if for no others, the materials in this volume deserve publication.

Outside of the Editor, two others have shown particular interest in this book, and to them especial thanks are due. The first is Rev. Dr. W. E. Arnold, of Fort Thomas, Ky.; the second is Mr. George H. Maxwell, of Boston, whose interest in Methodist history is quite largely responsible for this publication.

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