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*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless  
come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."*

*"God bless the memory of our fathers, and breathe their spirit on us! The most sacred walks on this continent are their circuit paths; the holiest spots are the repositories where they have been laid in their last sleep; the loveliest flowers seen by mortals are those that bloom above their graves, symbols of their brighter glory!"—THE LATE REV. N. F. REID, D.D.*



TO MY MOTHER,

WHOSE HOLY INFLUENCE HAS BEEN, UNDER GOD, THE SAFE-  
GUARD OF MY YOUTH; AND

TO THE HALLOWED MEMORY OF MY FATHER,

HIMSELF THE SON OF A PIONEER METHODIST PREACHER, AND  
WHO, REJOICING IN THE FULLNESS OF THE FREE GRACE  
THAT THEY PREACHED, DIED WITH THE NOTES  
OF VICTORY ON HIS LIPS;

THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED, IN GRATEFUL LOVE AND MEMORY,

BY

THE AUTHOR.

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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

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THE kind reception which many of these "Sketches," in the form of newspaper contributions, have received at the hands of the public has induced the preparation of this volume. The author has not attempted to write a history of the movement, but merely to sketch, in true and life-like colors, the characters of some of its leading spirits in the early days of its history, and to record their toils and triumphs. He has gleaned from not less than one hundred contributors to the history of Methodism, but has endeavored to give credit, as far as possible, in every instance, for what he has copied. While indebted to so many sources for information, the valuable works of Lee, Bangs, and Stevens have been his constant companions. To his brethren in the ministry who have so kindly encouraged him, and especially to Dr. Harrison, for his invaluable services in editing the work, he would gratefully acknowledge his indebtedness. Still, he feels that his task is not yet completed. If this volume finds favor with the Church, he hopes, under God's blessing, to bring the work down to the present day. Such men as Willis, Watters, Cox, Ivey, Ira Ellis, Kendrick, Cole, Joseph and Mark Moore, Reddick Pierce, Enoch George, McKendree, Mooring, of the early days; and Fletcher, Harris, Hezekiah G. Leigh, Moses Brock, Carson, Compton, Brame, Doub, Reid, Lowe, and Closs, of later times, will, in that case, next claim his attention.

And now, with the fervent prayer that He under whose blessing these men were enabled to perform the deeds herein recorded will add his sanction to this humble but sincere effort to promote his cause, the writer commits his book to the friendly criticism of the public.

M. H. MOORE.

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