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TO
My Wife,
MY FAITHFUL AND LOVING HELPMET
FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS,
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK.

LIFE OF REV. AMAND PARENT.

CHAPTER I.

ERSONS who have been brought together for the first time at a certain point in the journey in life, and intend proceeding together in the same direction, will find it agreeable to know something of each other. The desire to obtain this knowledge is quite natural. I will therefore begin by giving the reader a brief sketch of my early life.

I was born in Quebec, the ancient capital of Canada, in the year 1818. My father was a French-Canadian, a ship-builder by trade. Both my father and mother were Roman Catholics, and had a fairly good education, considering the limited educational advantages of those days as compared with the present. They were by far the greater number who could neither read nor write. Persons receiving letters often had to travel a considerable distance to find some one who could read them, and the same may be said of writing,—some one had to be sought after who had learned something of the art, before a letter could be written. My parents, like the most of the French Roman Catholics, were strongly attached to the Church of their fathers.