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PREFATORY NOTE.

THESE pages seek to preserve materials which would soon have been beyond reach—diaries, letters, the reminiscences of pioneers. It will be a satisfaction if any one is prompted to put other such materials into a safe place.

Several years since I had occasion to make inquiries about the ministers who laid the foundations of our Indiana church. The study took me into an unknown land. I was surprised at every step. Courage, self-sacrifice, piety, were to be expected; but I found besides a beautiful social life, uncommon learning, undoubted genius for affairs, and gifts of utterance in every way memorable.

Such fathers leave for their children the best of all legacies. If in any degree I may have helped to perpetuate their memory and light up their example, I shall rejoice.

Indianapolis, May 1, 1898.

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