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METHODISM possesses in its schools and congregations large numbers of children and young people, many of whom are the descendants of its earliest disciples, and all of whom are objects of great interest and solicitude. For them, in particular, this volume is designed; and it addresses them on their privileges, responsibilities, duties, and prospects, and seeks to impress upon their minds truths and principles of practical utility. In no sectarian spirit, however, has it been conceived; for whilst the author admires and loves the community with which he is associated, he sees much to admire and love in some other communities also. But he believes it to be the duty of Christian ministers and of Christian Churches, to take special care of their own youth; and he is anxious that those of his denomination should be kept within its fold, and trained in it for heaven and for God.

Many of the topics here dwelt upon he had often pondered, when an esteemed friend, greatly interested in the rising generation, suggested the title of the work, and urged him to commence it. The result of his efforts is now before the reader; and he commends these pages to the parents, teachers, and friends of Wesleyan youth, with the hope that they will deem them worthy of their attention, and of the attention of the young committed to their care. They have not been written without much anxiety, thought, and prayer; but if they should meet with acceptance, and be rendered, by the Divine blessing, useful to any, the author will have all the reward he seeks.

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PART THE FIRST.

The Privileges of the Youth of Methodism.