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COL. JOHN ADDISON.

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TO
MY PASTOR AND FRIEND,
THE REV. THOMAS J. PACKARD,
THIS LITTLE BOOK
IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED.

Preface.

Gentle Reader :

It has been suggested to me that my book requires a Preface, or rather a word of apology that I, who am not an author, should offer to you a book which, perhaps, is, properly speaking, not even a book, but simply a bundle of relics of another age that I have bound together with the slenderest of threads. When I confided my MSS some time ago to a literary friend, he said that it was "very interesting material," and a distinguished publisher used the same expression, assuring me, however, that my "material" was "valuable" and worthy of being published. Evidently this is only the "material" of a book, yet if you find in it but a small portion of the profit, as well as of the enjoyment, it has afforded me, you will not ask for an apology.



Introduction.



ONE hundred years ago, August 1793, the Rev. Walter Dulany Addison was ordained at Easton, Maryland, by the Right Rev. Thomas J. Claggett.

I propose to celebrate the centennial of this event, so important in the life of the subject of it—and not without its influence on our then infant Church—by collecting in a little book the various memorials of him that have been already published, adding to them what other information I can gather from those family letters, journals and writings within my reach, which appear to me to throw light on the history of a life spent in a singularly close and faithful following of his Master and Lord. For he was one of those “holy and humble men of heart” who have been a blessing to the earth in all ages: as well in our time as when the *Benedicite* was first sung. No age is so dark but that some such characters have been found, to the praise of God and the good of their fellow-men. Generally, as in this case, they have led unobtrusive lives, which spoke to an evil world, as the still small voice of conscience speaks to an evil heart.

It was in the summer of 1893 that the idea of writing this memoir first occurred to me. The enthusiasm which has lately been developing for Colonial relics and Colonial histories began to excite in me a curiosity to examine the