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TO THE YOUNGER MEMBERS
OF THE
BRUNSWICK CONGREGATION,
THIS VOLUME

Is Affectionately Inscribed,

IN THE HOPE THAT
A DOUBLE PORTION OF THE SPIRIT OF THEIR FATHERS
MAY BE UPON THEM.



PREFACE.

THIS work was undertaken at the request of the annual meeting of the Church whose history it relates. Few persons are now living who can remember the events which led to the formation of Brunswick Church sixty years ago, and it was felt that if any advantage was to be gained from their recollections it must be secured without delay. The writer's five years' residence as a circuit minister in Bury was supposed to have given him some qualification for the task.

The book was commenced in the early part of the present year, and has been written amidst the inevitable engagements of a Methodist minister's life. This fact may be pleaded in excuse for any omissions or blunders which may hereafter be discovered. As far as possible old documents and minute books have been consulted, and the magazines of the denomination have been diligently searched for reports and biographies.

One omission may be at once remedied. In the account of the Hacking family in Chapter iii., no mention is made of Hannah, the younger daughter of Joseph Hacking, who became the wife of Mr. John Stockdale. She was a bright and intelligent woman, generous and kind to the poor, and deeply interested in the work of the Church. For many years she was secretary to the Dorcas Society. Her death took place while on a visit to her friends in Bury, in August, 1893.

The writer has had the assistance of a small committee, who were appointed with him to read the proof-sheets. The committee consisted of Messrs. L. FLETCHER, J. K. LORD, J. H. RILEY, J. HOLT, E. W. B. SMITH, and I. INGHAM.

It is worthy of note that this book has been produced almost entirely by members of the executive body of the Church. The author, printer, photographer, and publisher all belong to the Brunswick Leaders' Meeting.

The illustrations and portraits, with two exceptions, are from photographs by Messrs. E. Eccles and Sons, of Bury and Bacup. The portrait of Joseph Hacking is from an original oil-painting, and that of the Rev. W. R. Sunman