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STAND CHAPEL PREVIOUS TO 1861. (From a Lithograph.)

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TO
ALL WHO LOVE
STAND CHAPEL,
THIS ENDEAVOUR
TO RESCUE SOME FRAGMENTS OF ITS
EARLY HISTORY
IS,
ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS 200th ANNIVERSARY,
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.





PREFACE.

The facts contained in the following pages have been collected from such a variety of sources that it is impossible to state the authority in every case. I would however mention these amongst the books that have been most useful to me: Halley's *Lancashire, its Puritanism and Nonconformity*; Nightingale's *Lancashire Nonconformity*; Baker's *Memorials of a Dissenting Meeting House*; and the *Northowram Register*, edited by J. Horsfall Turner.

I would also tender my grateful acknowledgments to brother ministers and others who have in various ways assisted me in my inquiries.

It will be found that the history of the chapel in comparatively recent years is passed over with but little detail. I have thought it best to avoid any extended reference to persons and events which are still within living memory. A time may come when it will be possible to bring down the record to a much later date without treading upon delicate ground. What is most important at present is to recover and set forth in permanent form the ancient rather than the modern history of the chapel.

The two engravings are from photographs taken by Mr. Wm. Heywood, of Bury.

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CHAP. I.—INTRODUCTION.

Whatever interest may be awakened by the contents of the following pages, will be felt chiefly by those who are in some way personally connected with Stand Chapel. Two centuries of quiet and uneventful existence now separate the present congregation from their ancestors who founded the Chapel. Many good lives have been lived, many good deeds done; but no trace has been left upon the general history of the country to bear witness even to the existence of a Chapel at Stand. To the general reader, therefore, the following records will have no importance; they refer to persons and events in which he feels no interest, and for the most part they are likely to appear to him trivial and dull. But to many who live in the immediate neighbourhood, and especially to those who now form the congregation, these Memorials of Stand Chapel will recall honoured names and cherished memories; will perhaps also deepen their love for the ancient house of prayer, by summoning from the past the figures of those to whose courage and faith it owed its origin, and by whose loyal attachment its existence has been prolonged till the present time.

In the hope that such may be the case, I have gathered together whatever I could find that was in any way connected with the Chapel or its congregation. But it is little that I have found; scattered fragments of information, a few names and dates, a few personal reminiscences are all that can now be collected. Anything like