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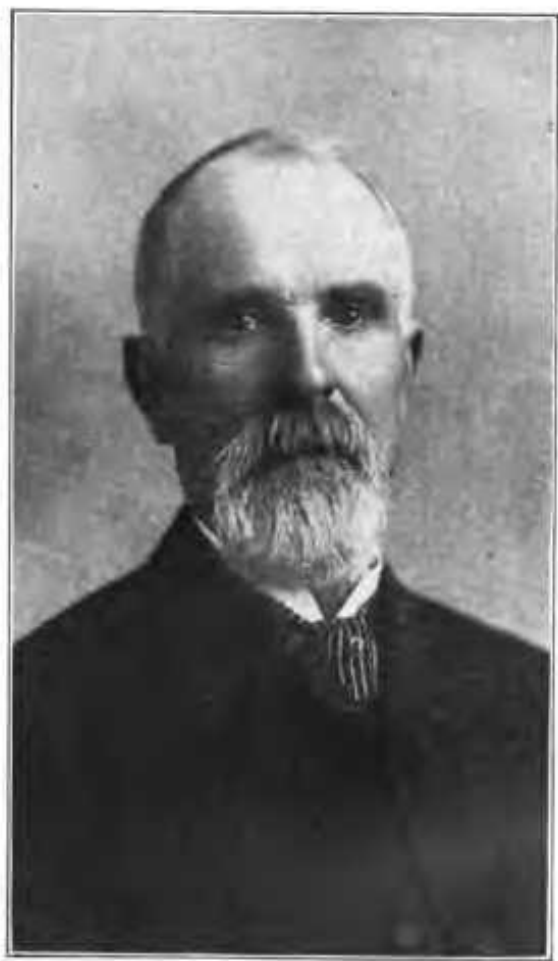
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Foreword.

The early history of the Church is made up largely of the strenuous and often unexampled efforts of the men and women whose heroic toils, sufferings, patience, and faith gave to the new movement a greatness and glory that increase as time goes on. Individual experiences, therefore, enriched that early history and give us a deeper insight into the real characters of the men and women whose devotion and constancy are as inspiring as they are interesting.

Among those who dedicated to the Church and its cause their best efforts, efforts of intense patriotism, and whose endurance was the crowning glory of those times, the name of John R. Murdock plays an important part. Had others not drawn out from him the story of his life, its inspiration and its example would have been lost to the world. When the manuscript prepared from facts given by him was read for his approval his only remark was: "They have made quite a man of me."

He made himself, but the value of his life to others he had perhaps never realized. When asked how many books he wanted, his reply was an edition just enough for his family.

Certain that the book would find interest and value beyond the confines of his home and relations, a larger edition is published. The story of his life is one which all who would emulate his integrity and his example may desire to read.

THE AUTHOR.

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John Riggs Murdock

CHAPTER I

INFANCY ON THE FRONTIERS

John Riggs Murdock was born on the 13th of September, 1826. The date of his birth places his advent into the world on the threshold of a new dispensation. It was not only the dawn of a new era in the expansion of his native country, but it was at the beginning of a new era in the development of science, art, and invention. A new earth and a new heaven were just ushering in upon the human family. That year in the world's history was the beginning of a new life and he was born, therefore, into the coming opportunities that were awaiting men of pronounced character and unyielding faith. The opportunities of his environments were perhaps not so important in his favor as the circumstances of his birth.