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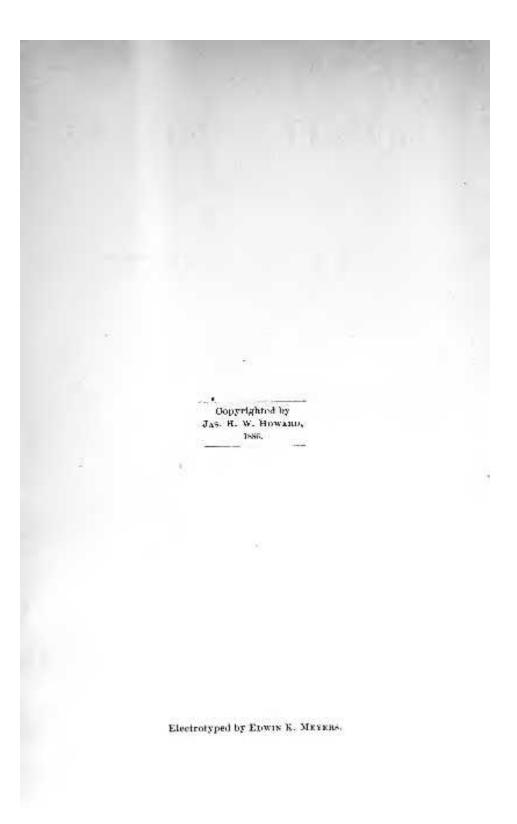
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PREFACE.

In presenting this, my first book, to the public, I crave indulgence for whatever errors it may contain. The incidents related are true, while the adventures of the fugitives, in their escape from slavery, are actual facts related by persons well known to me, some of them closely related, and for whose veracity I can safely youch. Many of the events of this tale will recall to the minds of not a few some of their own experiences, or the experience of relatives or friends as often rehearsed to them. I have no desire to create or revive any animosity on the part of those who have survived the eruelties of slavery, but as one of that race, now struggling for a position in the Nation which once refused to recognize their manhood, I trust I shall not be harshly censured for depicting a few of the milder forms of treatment to which the negro was subjected while enslaved.

In commenting upon the cruelties of slavery, I have endeavored to suppress all rancorous feeling which would naturally arise in the bosom of one so closely identified with the race, remembering that this

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book is for the reading public, and not intended to offend any one. Should I, therefore, at any time, appear hypercritical, attribute it to the over-powering sympathy which might possibly have guided my pen.

Hoping that you may be amply compensated for the moments spent in perusing these lines,

> I remain, yours gratefully, The AUTHOR,

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