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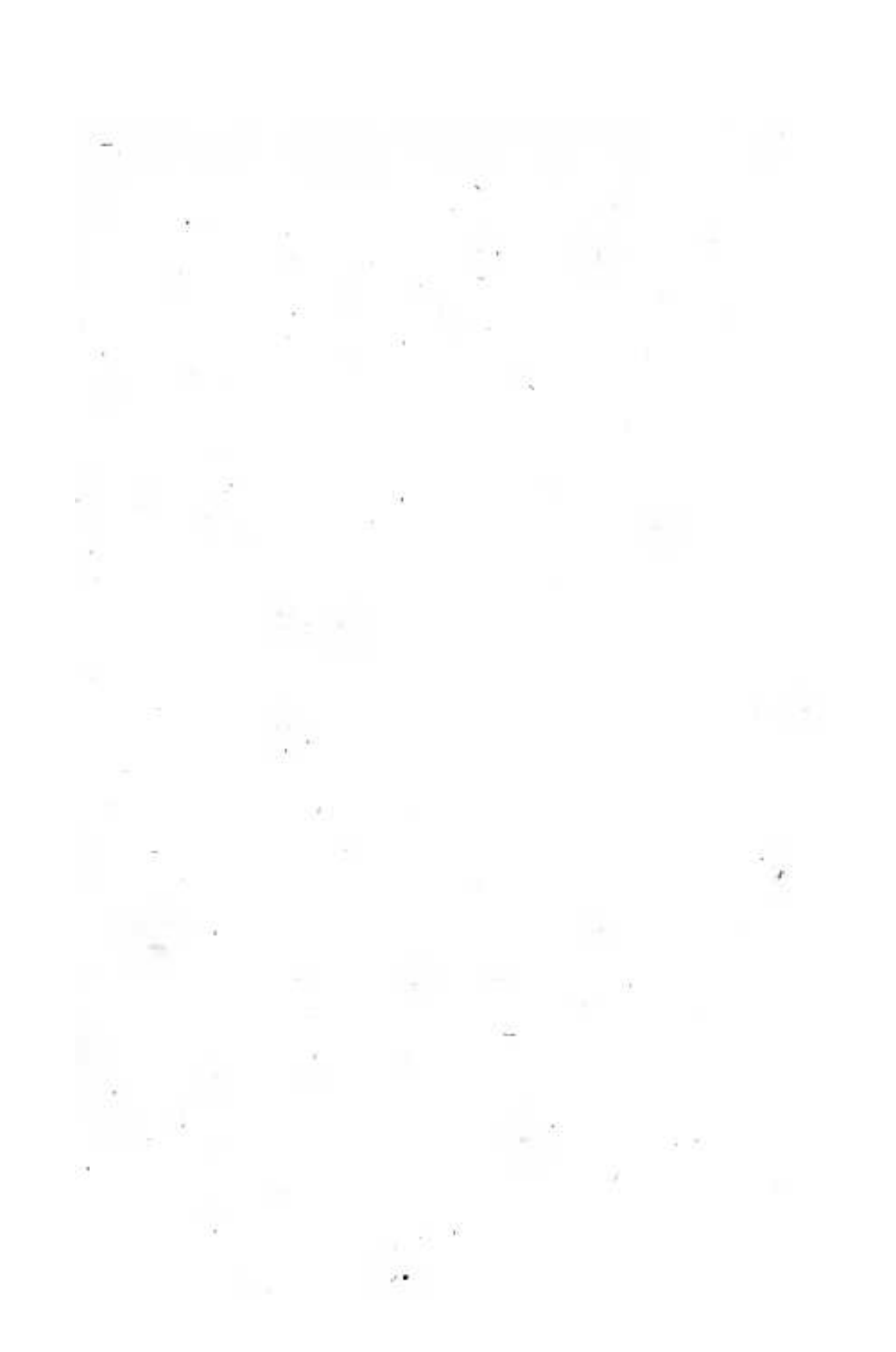
TO THOSE WHO LOVED THE NEGRO IN MANKIND,
AND PITYED HIM,
AND STOOPED TO HELP HIM IN HIS LOW ESTATE,
ASSAILED BY FIERCE OPINIONS,
AND TOLD HIS GRIEVANCES IN THE EAR OF GOD,
UNTIL HE HEARD THEM,
AND SHOOK PROUD SLAVERY ON HIS LAP OF STORM,
AND SHOOK THE FETTERS FROM THE BONDMAN'S ARMS,
AND SHOOK OPPRESSION FROM THE NATION'S HEART.

TO THOSE,
WHO SAFE NOW IN THE CITADEL OF RIGHT,
THEIR CONQUESTS HEARING ON THE TONGUE OF TIME,
THEIR TRIUMPHS READING IN YOUNG FREEDOM'S EYES,
AND LOOKING FORWARD,
THE FULL FRUITION OF THEIR BRIGHT HOPES SEE,
THE NATIONS OF ALL EARTH FOREVER FREE.

TO THOSE,
THE ABOLITION FATHERS—
THIS BOOK IS INSCRIBED

BY THE

AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

I was born in the Green River Country, Hart County, Kentucky, May 30th, 1851. I was a slave until the Emancipation. My parents left me and went to the Good Land when I was yet a boy. My chances for an education have not been good. In that matter, however, I have done what I could. I have labored with my hands, taught school, and preached a ~~RISEN~~, present Savior—not a bad lot after all. I am now an Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the stationed pastor at Springfield, Ohio, and General Financial Agent of Wilberforce University. With this brief account of myself, I pass to notice the Institution in whose interest I have written, and whose permanent endowment I hope to secure.

Wilberforce University is situated three and one-half miles North-East of Xenia, Greene County, Ohio; surrounded by beautiful farms, and from the West, looked down upon by a group of heavily wooded hills. It is one of the most desirable College sites in Ohio. The locality is eminently healthy. A

considerable creek, winding around the grounds to the Southward, drains the neighboring fields, and gives the whole surrounding an admirably neat aspect. A number of fine springs break out in the deep ravines around the College, bubbling and laughing, with lucid health sparkling in their faces. The campus is laid out on a beautiful plateau, lying South-East of the University, and covered by a splendid grove with here and there a neat cottage among the trees.

THE BUILDING.

The University Building is of substantial brick and slate roofed. The rooms are large and airy. The accommodations good. Probable value of buildings and grounds, (52 acres), sixty-five thousand dollars [\$65,000.00]. No incumbrances.

MISSION.

The school, though under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, is STRICTLY NON-SECTARIAN in its pretensions, and has, as its general mission, the imparting of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to the colored race. The special mission of the Normal and Scientific Departments is the preparation of Christian Teachers for Southern fields of labor. The Theological Department has, as its special work, the training of ef-