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PREFACE.

According to the teachings of the Messiah, the first missionary sent from heaven, the troublous times foretold the coming of great events. His time is short. Satan, the arch fiend, knows this, and in fury and madness he is striving among the nations, inciting them to vice, crime and bloodshed. His infernal hosts are concentrating to make a final attack upon Christendom. The cross and the crescent, the Turk and the Christian, Christ and Belial, are about to decide who rules the world. In the meantime while the forces of evil are concentrating, the churches are sending out skirmishers, in detached columns, without combination or mutual fellowship. There seems to be a wide breach between the Catholic and the Protestant. This is ominous! Is Christ the author of confusion and discord? Does not the Prince of Peace demand unity, harmony and fellowship among his followers? The churches can never conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil in detached columns. They must unite their forces. In one onward, united movement victory is assured. To secure this grand result, this unassuming volume is sent out to greet all whom it may meet, of every race. May a kind Providence give speed to its divine mission.

DEDICATION.

To that Divine personage whose name is above every name, who came from heaven to save fallen man, in grateful remembrance of his Advent, Humiliation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and Intercession, and in blissful anticipation of his second coming and triumphant coronation, and as a slight token of love, which ought to be supreme and given with all the faculties of the soul, might, mind, and strength, and in devout adoration for the endowments of our manhood, and especially for the free offers of salvation to all men, secured to us by promises sealed with his own precious blood, put on record in the Holy Bible and to be made known to the whole world by Home and Foreign Missions, this little volume is affectionately dedicated by his believing, humble, penitent, pardoned and most highly favored child,

THE AUTHOR.

INCIDENTS IN THE PIONEER LIFE OF THE

REV. BENJAMIN WOODBURY

ON THE MAUMEE, IN NORTHWESTERN OHIO, BETWEEN
THE YEARS 1833 AND 1850.

Benjamin Woodbury was born in Salisbury, N. H.; attended district school with Daniel Webster in his boyhood; graduated at Dartmouth College, where he supported himself in part, being a good penman, by writing the diplomas; taught a select school at New Orleans; on his return North married Mehitable Pettigill of his native place; was pastor of a Congregational Church in Falmouth, Mass., for some nine or ten years.

In this historic town situated on the sea coast of Massachusetts, just opposite the romantic islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, a few miles across the cape, opposite Plymouth Rock, the enduring monument of the stern, heroic, and Christian virtues of the founders of the republic, whose memory is enshrined in the