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P R E F A C E .

THE Author of the following sketches of "Bethlehem and Bethlehem School," in presenting the First Series to the public, deems it proper to state that it is no work of fiction, written to amuse and while away a passing hour, but altogether what it professes to be—simple narrations of facts of the different individual characters mentioned, leaflets of memory from the pages of childhood. Most of them, it will be perceived, are of Teachers and Scholars, contemporaries of mine at the School, to one and all of whom I dedicate this volume, with the hope thereby of not only thus recalling myself to their remembrance, but that the perusal of these by-gones of ours may be as productive of pleasure to these former school associates of mine at Bethlehem, as this simple record of "Auld Lang Syne" reminiscences has afforded me in penning them.

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Who has not heard of Bethlehem?—its School, or its various Institutions?—or rather, where is there a district of inhabited country of any extent, in any of the old States especially, which does not contain at least an individual possessed of some knowledge of the place or people—or had some connection or acquaintance to sojourn there, either as visitor or pupil, in this cradle of the Moravian Society in the New World—this nursery of their missionary effort in America, and this principal and favorite gathering resort of their people from Europe.

This settlement of the Moravians was commenced in 1741,—hence it is now nearly one hundred and twenty years old. It was settled in the same way as most of the settlements of the Society originally were—namely, by a colony of their own people, and with the understanding that it was to be in every sense of the word a Moravian settlement; to secure which object they made a purchase of sufficient land, for the purpose of enabling them to