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TO
MY BRETHREN OF THE
KANSAS MINISTRY,
WHO HAVE BORNE THE BURDENS WITH
ME, OF EARLY YEARS, AND ARE NOW
WAITING THEIR TRANSFERS TO THE FIELDS OF
HEAVEN; AND, TO THE YOUNGER MEN IN THE RANKS
OF OUR OWN CONFERENCE, WHO HAVE
TAKEN OUR PLACES, AND ARE PUSHING ON
THE VICTORIES OF THE CROSS, THEIR
FACES MADE RADIANT IN THE LIGHT WHICH BEAMS
FROM THE THRONE OF GOD; AND TO
THE MEMORY OF THE GOOD AND TRUE, WHO
OFTEN SHELTERED AND FED ME AND
MINE, IN THE LONG AGO, THIS
VOLUME OF REMINISCENCES
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED
BY THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

I am urged to publish this volume of Reminiscences by many friends, whose love I appreciate, and whose opinions I greatly respect. One half of the proceeds from the sale of this volume, after meeting the expense of publication, shall go to the Preachers' Aid Society of the Kansas Conference. Therefore, I hope the members of my Conference will take an interest in the financial success of its publication, and thereby help a noble society in extending aid to an increasing number of most honorable, yet, often, very needy ministers and their families.

The publication of these Reminiscences has been long delayed for two special reasons: want of confidence by the author, in his ability to write an interesting work, and the want of means to defray the expenses. I do hope for the cooperation of my brethren in its sale.

There will be found, no doubt, many defects, for which I ask great forbearance. I have not aimed to write a history, but a *reminiscence*—or a memory of the past.

Many persons, to whom allusion is made, have long since been dead. I have not always so stated the fact in these pages, however, for the reason that these chapters were first prepared for Ministerial Associations, etc., and now I am too infirm to revise, and make them as correct as I wish they were.

J. S.

Atchison, Kansas, December, 1886.

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