

PREFACE.

AT the time of Mr. Ouseley's death, his papers were in the hands of his nephew, the late Alderman Bonsall, of Dublin. He was to prepare and arrange them for the late Rev. Thomas Jackson, who had undertaken to write a Biography, after he should have completed his Life of Charles Wesley. But his designation to the office of Theological Tutor at Richmond compelled him to write to Mr. Bonsall, reluctantly withdrawing from the task. The latter then declined to give up the papers to any other person.

In this state of things, the Irish Methodist Conference requested the late Rev. William Reilly to prepare a Biography. His memorial of Mr. Ouseley will ever remain a faithful and affectionate record of his venerated colleague; but, though all which the materials then at command enabled him to produce, it was necessarily defective in the information, which was to be had only from Mr. Ouseley's own documents.