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It has not been thought necessary, in reprinting this work, to retain all of Dr. Dixon's quotations from American authorities, in his sketch of the History and Institutions of American Methodism. These can be found much more fully set forth in works easily accessible in this country. Part V. of Dr. Dixon's work, relating to the "Measures adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Subject of Slavery," has been entirely omitted. It consists almost wholly of American documents.

A few errors, in the use of names, dates, &c., have been silently corrected. Others, of less importance, have been suffered to remain. As a whole, it is only remarkable that Dr. Dixon should, in so short a time, have acquired so just and accurate a knowledge of the topography and geography of the country, as well as of the character and habits of our people. The work is singularly able and philosophical in its views, both of the political and religious institutions of America.

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