

TO THE READER.

In the perusal of this little volume, thou wilt not find it embellished with many fine sentences or eloquent words. The author has given to us a simple but faithful record of self-sacrifice and close devotion to the God he loved, served, and honored during many years of active labor and close engagement, in imitation of Him who went about doing good.

In journeying so many thousand miles upon the American Continent, going from meeting to meeting; in crossing the billowy deep to bear the Gospel message to the European shores; in tracing his footsteps over Norway's mountains, or seated in the little barque crossing the boisterous lakes and deep fjords, to sow the good seed and scatter words of cheer and comfort in the Norwegian heart, he thoroughly tested the faithfulness of that God, without whom not a sparrow falls to the ground unnoticed.

Dear as were home associations; close and trying as were nature's conflicts, yet when the love of God