

## A WORD TO OUR READERS

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This Volume continues the record of Methodist doings in Canada from 1840 to the grand Union of 1883. In the closing chapters will be found welcome contributions from the pens of the Rev. Robert Cade, D.D., the Rev. James M. Simpson, and the late Rev. George Webber, regarding their several Churches. All the Uniting Churches are also represented in our comprehensive portrait gallery, according to their numbers at the time of Union. The ministers are placed according to the date of their entrance. The women as well as the men who were known in active church work before the close of this volume have here at least a representation. This was done under the oversight of seven wise men, and their desire to be liberal taxed the generosity of the Publishers to the utmost limit—"a hundred and fifty and three"—though they would have gladly included hundreds more, had it been possible. We trust these will be accepted simply as representatives of "the great multitude which no man can number."

In Volume I. a few corrections are necessary:

The engraving, "Grave of Paul and Barbara Heck," was intended to face page 46, where the place of burial—Augusta—is correctly stated. On page 63, 3rd line, read Madden; page 119, last line, James should be Thomas; page 216, near the bottom—"On December 18th a meeting was held at Saltfleet attended by David Culp," etc. Vol. II.—The title of Chapter XXVIII. should read "Four," instead of "Five."

For careful reading of MS. the Author is very specially indebted to the Rev. Geo. H. Cornish, LL.D.

With thanks to God for life and health to finish this work, it is now committed to the members and friends of the Methodist Church, as an appreciation of the character and work of the Church, and an earnest effort to tell to our own and succeeding generations something of what the Lord has done.

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