

ences as a Market Boy while Working for Mrs. Ruffner—Mrs. Ruffner, Author's Estimate of Her—Author Hears of the Hampton Institute while Working in the Coal Mines and Resolves to go There—Joins the Baptist Church in Malden Before Leaving for Hampton—Still a Member of This Church.

CHAPTER III.

LIFE AT HAMPTON INSTITUTE.

Author Starts for Hampton in 1872—The Journey—How Made—Sleeping Under Sidewalk in Richmond—Unloads Pig Iron from a Vessel in Richmond and Thereby Earns Money Enough to Continue the Journey to Hampton—Arrives at Hampton—Sees Miss Mary F. Mackie, the Lady Principal—Undergoes a "Sweeping Examination" and is Admitted as a Student—Author Sees Gen. Armstrong for the First Time—First and Last Impressions of Him—Hampton Institute when Author First Entered It—His Connection with the Debating Societies—His Destitute Condition at Hampton—After Two Years at Hampton, Author Spends Vacation at Home in Malden—Death of His Mother—He is Graduated at Hampton in 1875—Some Helpful Friends at Hampton, Misses Nathalie Lord and Elizabeth Brewer—Goes as a Waiter to Saratoga Springs.

CHAPTER IV.

HOW THE FIRST SIX YEARS AFTER GRADUATION FROM HAMPTON WERE SPENT.

Author Begins Teaching at Malden—Encourages His Pupils to go to Hampton—Helps His Brother John to Enter Hampton—Enters Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C., and Spends a Year There—Stumps the State of West Virginia in the Interest of the Removal of the State Capital—Studies Law for a Short Time—Invited by Gen. Armstrong to Deliver the Graduate's Address—Asked to Return to Hampton by Gen. Armstrong as a Special Student and to Take Charge of