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life was the Episcopalian, then known as "the Church of England," but he never entered it. About his ninth year a Methodist Church was opened, and a Sunday-school organized ; his mother joined the society and the boy attended the Sunday-school and congregation. Three years later a Presbyterian Church was opened, and circumstances led our young hero to attend its services nearly as much as he did the Methodist. He was often exercised in mind with regard to his soul's salvation ; at those times he had the conviction that, if he became a Christian, he must join a Church, and of the three Churches he knew, his convictions and proclivities tended towards the Methodist Church. Therefore, when, at the age of fifteen, he became fully awakened and resolutely resolved to save his soul, drawn that way by favouring circumstances, he sought the Methodist services, preaching, prayer, and class-meeting ; and when an offer was given to unite formally with that Church, he did so, without one moment's hesitation about its being the proper thing for him to do. The associations by which it surrounded him were the most effectual that could by possibility have been for confirming his convictions and purposes,—for leading him to the knowledge of Christ and the remission of his sins,—and for building him up in the experience and habits of a Christian. He soon obtained a clear sense of pardon and peace, and went on his way rejoicing. How natural and proper that he should have no misgivings with regard to the legitimacy of his Church, or the Christian lawfulness of his own position ? None of the family to which he belonged had been baptized in infancy. But as he was the youngest, and the only one under his mother's control after she became a Methodist, she had him baptized at about the age of eleven. Two brothers, some years older than himself, who became members of the