

THE SKIPPER PARSON

God's children are gathered, *we shall meet them there.*

As we bring this volume to a close we venture to express the hope that its perusal may do something to stimulate an interest in home missions. It is proverbially true that that which lies at our own doors is seen in the light of the commonplace, while that which is afar has, by its very distance, the glamour of romance thrown about it. Yet it is our profound conviction that home missions, which make for the evangelization and education of the people and the building of the Christian nation, can only be neglected with the utmost peril. The work on foreign fields grows in commensurate degree, and the final conquest of the world for Christ comes appreciably nearer as we learn to do our duty to our people in town and country at home.

We bid adieu to our readers with the further hope that they may hold a warmer feeling for Ye Old Colony, the land which, in allusion to her geographical position, has been called, "a stepping-stone between the Old World and the New"; which first received and passed on the electric wire that bond of brotherhood; and which now, as an elder daughter, stretching her hands East and West, beckons to closest union and fealty England and America.