

CHAPTER II.

THE LAST CHANCE.

WHATEVER feelings of homesickness there may have been experienced by the family about which we write in their new home, there was one thing which would give cause for thankfulness, and that was that they were very fortunate in having struck a good neighborhood. Interested as they had always been in religious services, we take it for granted one of their first considerations would be in regard to the religious complexion of their new surroundings. As a Methodist family, it must certainly have been a matter of peculiar satisfaction to them to find themselves in a community which was almost exclusively composed of Methodist families.

Meadow Lea in the earlier days of which we write was a Methodist centre. A Methodist church had been organized a short time before Mr. Taylor and family moved in. The parsonage had been built the fall before and the church was erected the following summer. A