PREFACE.

and enterprise of Methodism become that a full account of its doings aheady fills many volumes. In China, India, Africa and Australia progress is rapid and wonderful. While we write, we are told of an entire village, near Fuh Chau, that has come in a body to the Methodist mission, and of three villages in India seeking Christ at once under Methodist preaching. What volume can tell all there things?

It is heartily granted that the Methodists of to-day are not the only Christians in the world. For this who is not thankful, seeing that Christ is not divided, and the welfare of the world needs so many workers? It is, however, believed that the spirit and methods of Wesley have helped all Christian people.

The Evangelist of to-day is much like the early Wesleyan preachers, and therefore a chapter 's given to him and his work as a lineal and lawful product of Methodism.

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This story aims, then, to tell what Methodists should properly know, what all Christians might proftably know, of the greatest movement in Christianity since the days of the Apostles. It hopes to give life and freshness to transactions which seriously affect the Modern World, and touch the interest of many a household.

It asks a favorable hearing, especially from those who are now taking their places in the Churches, to make, in their own day, the Story that shall lengthen this one, and shall with it be toid hereafter. May what they add agree well with that which goes before it !

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