

and each one is independent of the rest. To those who are fond of autobiographical sketches of a religious cast, the author trusts that this book will not be wholly void of interest and profit. Whatever may be its defects, as to literary finish or otherwise, it is claimed to contain a true narrative of facts and incidents as believed and understood by the writer. Words of Saxon origin—the language of the people—have, when most convenient, been chosen. The time devoted to the preparation of the work for the press, even to the reading of the proofs, has been snatched from other pressing duties; hence, errors, if not gross ones, may have been overlooked.

Few persons can speak of themselves without incurring the charge of egotism. To avoid this charge, one must be so extremely modest as never to give free and full utterance to tongue or pen in the expression of a thought or sentiment with which he may stand connected. But when the occasion has required it, as if forgetful of this restraint, I have not hesitated to speak, though it be “in the first person, singular number.” My motives being simply to do good, neither praise nor censure will, from whatever source, change my purpose or affect my interest.

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