

INTRODUCTION.



THE readers of this book, of whom I hope there may be many, will not be able to appreciate its real value without knowing something of the man, and of the conditions under which he wrote it.

The Rev. William S. Cochrane has been an honored and faithful member of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1888. In 1900 he passed to the roll of veterans on account of disability rather than age.

His twelve years of effective service were characterized by careful and conscientious work, and in every place he measured up to its demands. He was an all-round Methodist preacher, and gave