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OF

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## PREFACE



SEVERAL of my friends have urged me to give to the public some of the recollections of my Methodist life. Whether they were wise in doing so, or whether I was wise in carrying out their suggestion, remains to be seen. When it was first hinted to me I quite ridiculed the idea of "writing a book," it seemed so preposterous. But the idea has clung to me, and the result is now given to the public with fear and trembling.

The late Dr. Punshon suggested to me, years ago, to write some of the memories of my life, for publication in the *Methodist Recorder*, of which at that time he was editor. I said in reply that I was sure I could write nothing that would be worth reading; but my judgment has been overruled, and, though I did not contribute anything to that influential journal during the editorship of Dr. Punshon, I have been an occasional contributor since, by the kindness of the Rev. Nehemiah Curnock, its present able and genial editor. Some of the jottings which have seen the



light in the *Recorder* and in the *Wesleyan Methodist Church Record* will be found again in these pages, but the far greater part of the material appears for the first time.

THOMAS HAYES.

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October 1902.

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\*. On pages 20 and 22 it is stated that the Centenary Hall stood on the site of the old "London Tavern." This I find is an error. I should have said it was the "City of London Tavern." The old "London Tavern" stood on the opposite side in Bishopsgate Street, between Numbers 122 and 124. It was here that the historic meeting to found the Bible Society was held, early in 1804.

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