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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

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My first intention, when gathering materials for this work, was to write a full and complete answer to all the points raised by certain recent writers against our church. A little reflection, however, convinced me that such a task was needless. 1. Their writings do not reach many of our people. 2. If they did, their absurdity, falsity, and bad spirit are so obvious, that none of our members, if at all acquainted with Methodism, could be alienated from it by what they contain. 3. There is no probability that our enemies, who accept those writings, would go to the expense of purchasing such a reply, if written; for such persons do not wish to be convinced of their falsehood. 4. The only mischief likely to accrue to our church from their circulation, arises from the oral propagation of their more salient assertions among those who, having received Christ at our altars, and being as yet but partially acquainted with our system, are the objects of an unscrupulous proselytism. Hence it appeared to

me, that a small book delineating the prominent features of our system, especially at those points most virulently assailed, would meet the case better than a large and elaborate polemic. I therefore determined to write an *antidote* rather than a *formal answer* to those books; to make a work which, placed in the hands of a harassed convert, would say to him just those things which his pastor would like to say had he time and opportunity, and which, being said, would effectually fortify him against the influences of proselytism.

Whether I have realized my ideal, or not, the public must now judge. I have written in a style and manner adapted to the capacities of young persons; and have illustrated my points, as much as the subjects treated permitted, for the purpose of making them attractive. My earnest desire is, that the work may be instrumental in saving many converts to the Methodist church and to Christ.

DANIEL WISE.

ROXBURY, MARCH, 1856.

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