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TO  
 THE REVEREND WILLIAM W. STAMP,  
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 THIS THIRD AND CONCLUDING VOLUME OF THE  
 HISTORY OF WESLEYAN METHODISM  
 IS MOST RESPECTFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY  
 Inscribed,  
 AS AN EXPRESSION OF SINCERE RESPECT  
 FOR HIS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARACTER,  
 AND OF DEVOTED ATTACHMENT  
 TO THAT BODY OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS  
 OVER WHOM HE SO ABLY AND SO HONOURABLY PRESIDES,

BY

THE AUTHOR

*June 21st, 1861.*



## PREFACE.

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IN placing the third and concluding volume of Wesleyan Methodist History before "the Connexion" and the public, the author has but little to add to the statements prefixed to the preceding volumes. He has been guided by the same principles, and actuated by the same spirit, as he then announced.

The friends already named as having contributed assistance to the author in the preceding volumes, have generally continued to do so in this instance; and to them his renewed and most grateful thanks are respectfully presented. The author is happy now to add the names of the Rev. W. Lord, the Rev. C. Tucker, and Francis Herbert, Esq., of Chelsea, from whom he has received important documentary and other information. He also feels called on specially to acknowledge the important aid rendered by the Rev. John Kirk in compiling the Index.

The difficulties naturally incident to a work of this kind have been greatly aggravated, in the period treated of in this volume, by the animosities and divisions which took place in the Connexion. But, laborious and perplexing as the duty has been, the author has endeavoured to perform his task with Christian charity and fidelity. To the utmost of his power, consistently with the