

TO THE
OLDEST SURVIVING PASTOR
OF THE
FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, PA.,

THE REV. JAMES NEILL,

PASTOR IN 1838--1840,

THIS COMPILATION IS MOST RESPECTFULLY

DEDICATED

BY HIS OBLIGED FRIEND AND
BROTHER IN THE MINISTRY,

JOHN S. JANES McCONNELL,

PASTOR IN 1891--1893.

PREFACE.

In the preparation of this brief history the compiler has endeavored to give permanent form to facts which were in danger of being lost and to bring to the light items of historic interest and value contained in records and documents not readily accessible to the members and friends of the church.

In addition to acknowledgments made in the body of the book, thanks are hereby tendered to Walter A. Haldy, Joseph H. Selvert and James Black for favors extended and help afforded.

If what is here written shall result in giving inspiration and zeal to the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Lancaster, so that they may preserve their heritage and transmit the blessings of a pure gospel to their children and their children's children, the writer will have his reward and to God shall be all the praise.

JOHN S. JANES McCONNELL.

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