

**MT. ZION METHODIST CHURCH  
AND HER PEOPLE  
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(With Traditional Incidents)

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## **THE DEDICATION**

Dedicated to the Glory of God "Who giveth us the victory", and to those Christian soldiers who have labored in the fields of Mt. Zion down through the years; also to those who labor now and to those who will labor throughout the years to come as long as God shall will.

The Author

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and humility that I attempt this record of Mt. Zion. However, so much valuable historical material has been lost and so much that remains is rapidly passing away that I feel an urge to gather together what I can of facts and records and glean all traditions of our beloved Mt. Zion and record them to the glory of God; to the honor of those of the days of yore; and to the inspiration of those who work in the present and to those who will work in the future years.

Much of this will be from tradition, transmitted through the years from parents to children, and much will be facts from histories recorded by others. Still more will be from talking with those who are in the community today, who remember the old Church and love it as I do. Also much will be gleaned from Conference Journals and Minutes. However, the greater part will be from the records of Mt. Zion kept for more than a hundred and twenty-five years by those who have had a mind for the things of most importance.

I am confident that I will be able to do this for God, who has given me the urge, will also give me the mind and recollection, and likewise will help others to recall incidents that should be recorded and to pass them on to me. He will also guide my pen and give me the strength; and to Him be all the praise and glory.

*"I love Thy Church, O God  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand."*