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Dedication.

To My Precious Mother,

Who has never lost faith in her son, and whose heroic sacrifices and persistent ambition for him have made it possible for him to breathe, for twenty-five years, as student and teacher, the atmosphere of The Real College.

PREFACE

The Place of the Small College, The Mission of the Small College, and kindred topics, are among the most prominent and frequent on the programs of latter-day college associations and educational conventions.

There is no place or mission for the "small" college. Ours is a day of big things. The adjective small used to qualify anything is suggestive of insignificance and begets contempt. An educational institution may be large in financial resources and equipment and great in the lofty purpose of its existence, but because it is, by choice, limited in the size of its student body alone, it is wrongly called small. It is to correct this persisting misconception that this little volume is given to the Public.

It is worth while to distinguish clearly the efficient from the inefficient. The Real College is never a small college. The small college is never a Real College. Years of experience and observation have convinced the writer that the insti-

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tution small in enrollment may be truly great, and that a large attendance may be registered in an exceedingly small institution. First of all, then, a definition of the Real College is attempted. After that the president of the Real College, the students of the Real College, and the faculty of the Real College are studied in the order named. Last of all, a picture of The Real College Man is attempted.

If, in this Centennial year of the founding of a Real College, so small a memorial book shall, in any way, quicken in its readers their appreciation of the worth of the Real College, the object of its author's labor of love will have been accomplished.

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MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OHIO,
The First of June, Nineteen Hundred and Nine.

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