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TO THE OBJECT OF WHICH THE SUBJECT OF THIS MEMORIAL DEVOTED HIS LIFE-THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MEN CALLED OF GOD TO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

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PREFACE.

When, in 1872, the subject of this Memorial passed to his heavenly home, it was thought, and probably expected, that, in a short time, a volume, giving account of his life, his work, and his personality, would be prepared by some member of his immediate family. All his children were then living, and abundant material seemed at hand.

But, when search was made for literary remains, it was found that, with the exception of two addresses and the two sermons which are given here, nothing of permanent value was available. Large quantities of manuscripts were turned over, but they were only scraps. Nothing was complete. His habits of thought were his own. After the merest suggestion of a theme, immediately committed to paper, he seemed to need nothing else. The subject entered into his thinking in such a way that further writing was needless. He was ready when the occasion came.

Those who might have written a biography went each his way, and the thought that such a volume might become a superfluity seemed to make the pub-

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lication hazardous. Forty years have now passed, and only three of his children remain, no one of them ready to undertake the long-neglected task. The gencrous proposal of the Beard of Trustees of the University now makes it incumbent on the author of this volume to give it to the press. It has been a labor of love to which another has contributed valuable reminiscences, and a considerable number of others have been drawn upon for what adds greatly to the value of the Memorial. It is with a degree of satisfaction, and yet not without misgivings, that the author commits it to the press. His acquaintance with Dr. Eaton extended through just twenty years, much of the time in sacred intimacy. Now he looks upon it all through a vista of forty other years and marvels that they seem so few.

CINCINNATI, O., April 10, 1913.

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