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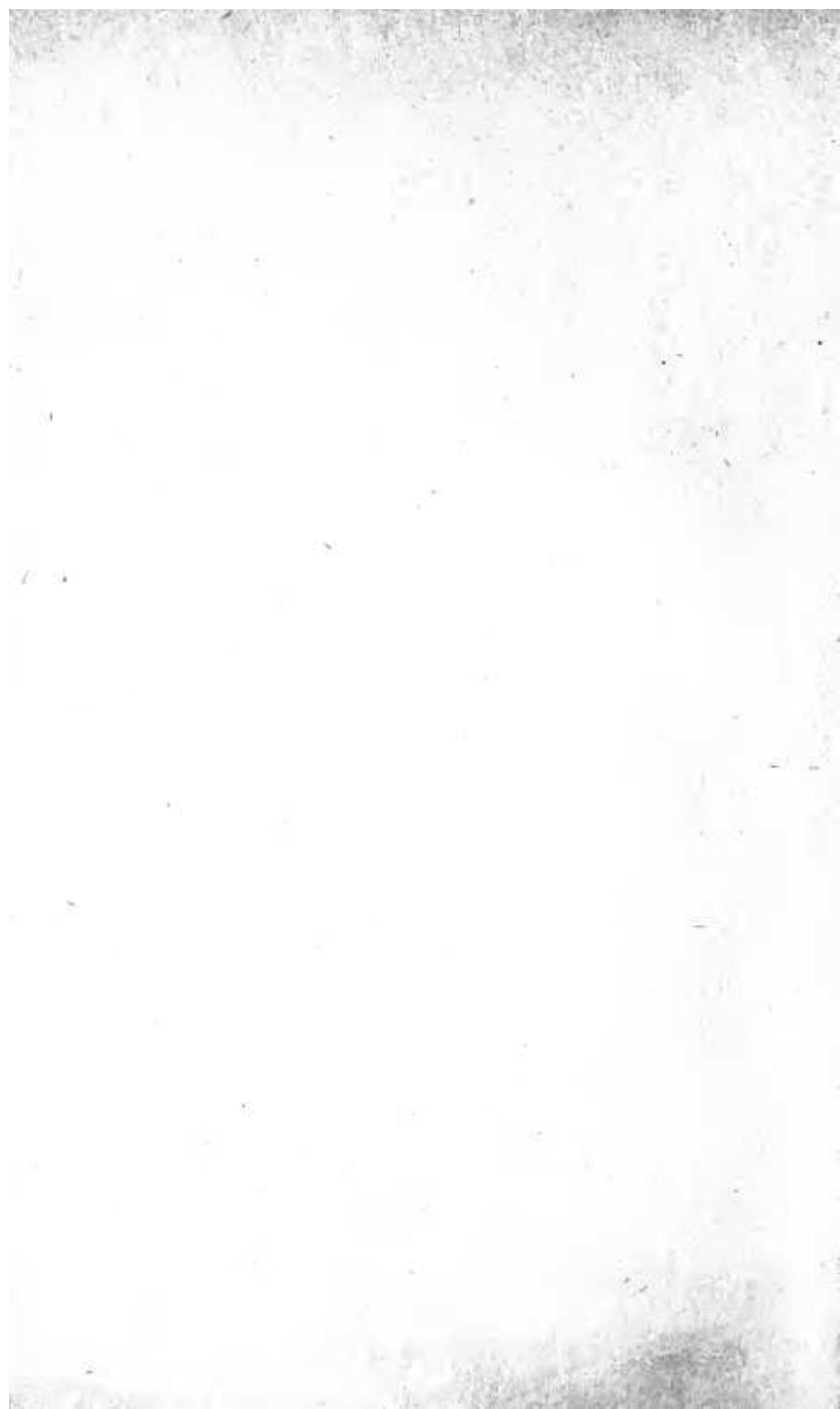
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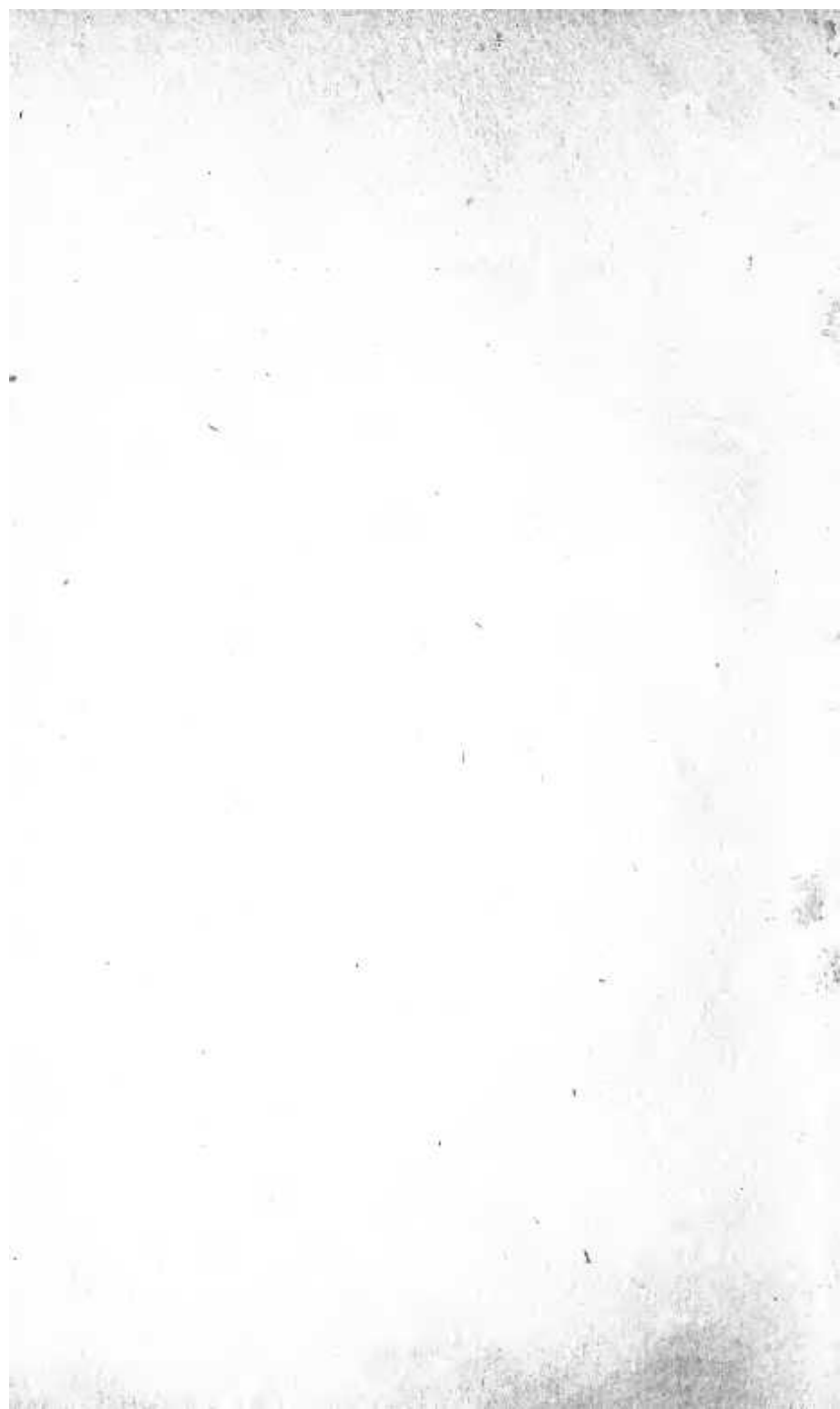
## PREFACE

**I**T is in response to a widespread public desire for at least another volume of sermons by the late Professor Law, that this book is put forth. Of the sermons published in "The Grand Adventure," Dr. Law says—"All of them are published practically as they were preached, no attempt having been made to modify the style, which, as I am aware, is better adapted to the pulpit than to the printed page." For the sermons and addresses in this volume, the same admission must be made. They are printed as they were delivered.

A note has been added to some of the sermons giving the circumstances under which they were preached. In the case of the addresses, this has not been possible, there being no indication on the manuscript, of the special purpose for which they were prepared.

T. B. McCORKINDALE,  
EDITOR.

Deseronto, 1919.



THE REV. ROBERT LAW, D.D.:  
AN APPRECIATION

BY REV. T. B. MCCORKINDALE, M. A.

I WISH to pay a tribute to the memory of my friend, the late Professor Law, of Knox College, Toronto, of whose services not only the Church, but the whole Dominion of Canada, was suddenly and unexpectedly bereft. To our sorrow and loss, he was taken away in the very zenith of his powers, at a time when it seemed to us we never more greatly needed his prophetic voice and his guiding hand. But, I think, he died as he would have wished to die, in the very midst of his work, ere his eye was dim, or his natural force abated.

It was my good fortune to hear the last sermon he ever preached. Little did I think, as I watched from my seat in Old St. Andrew's that virile, clear-cut face, instinct with life, and mobile with the play of thought and emotion—little did I think, as I listened to his fervid words, and wondered at the splendid workmanship of his discourse, truly the work of a master hand, that I would never again see in life those ex-