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## ADVERTISEMENT.

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It has been thought by the friends of the late Mr Goodwin of Sandwich, that a small collection of his writings would be favorably received by the public, both as a tribute to his memory, and as means of doing good. They were desirous of having some expression of his thoughts and feelings to which they might recur, and commune again with his pure spirit, and through which, those who were accustomed to hear him, might feel that though dead he was yet speaking. Aware however of the difficulty always attendant on a posthumous publication of writings not intended for the press, they have endeavored to select with a sparing hand, and the following discourses are believed to give a true impression of his mind and heart. Still, it should be remarked, in justice to the deceased, that during the last years of his life, it was his practice to speak in some measure extemporaneously, having before him only a few

notes of the heads of his discourses. In consequence of this, many of his later Sermons, and those which excited most attention in the delivery, are retained only in the imperfect recollection of those who heard them. Though they have gone from us, with the mind in which they originated, they have left an impression not easily effaced, on the hearts and lives of his people.

The brief Memoir accompanying this volume, has been entrusted to a professional brother—who was closely allied to him by the ties of kindred and friendship, and who is happy in being able to present this token of grateful affection to the memory of his relative and friend.

He would acknowledge his obligations to Rev. Mr FRANCIS of Watertown, for his assistance in making this selection, and to the friends who corrected the proof sheets.

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