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"Humility in the solemn presence of a mysterious universe,
and reverence for the Power that framed it, best become those
who are but the creatures of a day."

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MOTIVE

FOR many years the writer of these pages has felt a strong desire to give expression to his sentiments of gratitude and love to Barnas Sears, D.D., LL.D., his teacher in Christian Theology at Newton (1845-8), and his honored friend to the close of a noble life (1880). No sufficient record of his truly eminent services to the cause of education, whether theological, collegiate, or popular, can be made within the limits of a small volume; but even a brief account of those services, as performed by such a man, may be welcome to not a few readers who find incentives to strenuous labor for the good of mankind in the lives of past toilers in the same field.

It is not forgotten that an eloquent tribute to his character as a man, and to his ability as a teacher of theology, was paid by his

enthusiastic pupil, Doctor Oakman S. Stearns; but it was published in the *Baptist Review* for 1883, and is accessible to few at the present time; moreover, it spoke of him chiefly "as a theological professor," while a great part of his public service was in behalf of academic or popular education. It may be true, as Doctor Stearns intimates, that he never achieved a greater success than in his work at Newton, but it must always be remembered that his work in that school was but a small part of what he did for his country and mankind. It was brilliant and fruitful service, but only a fraction of his life-work, which must not be suffered to obscure the wide compass and rare merit of the rest.

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