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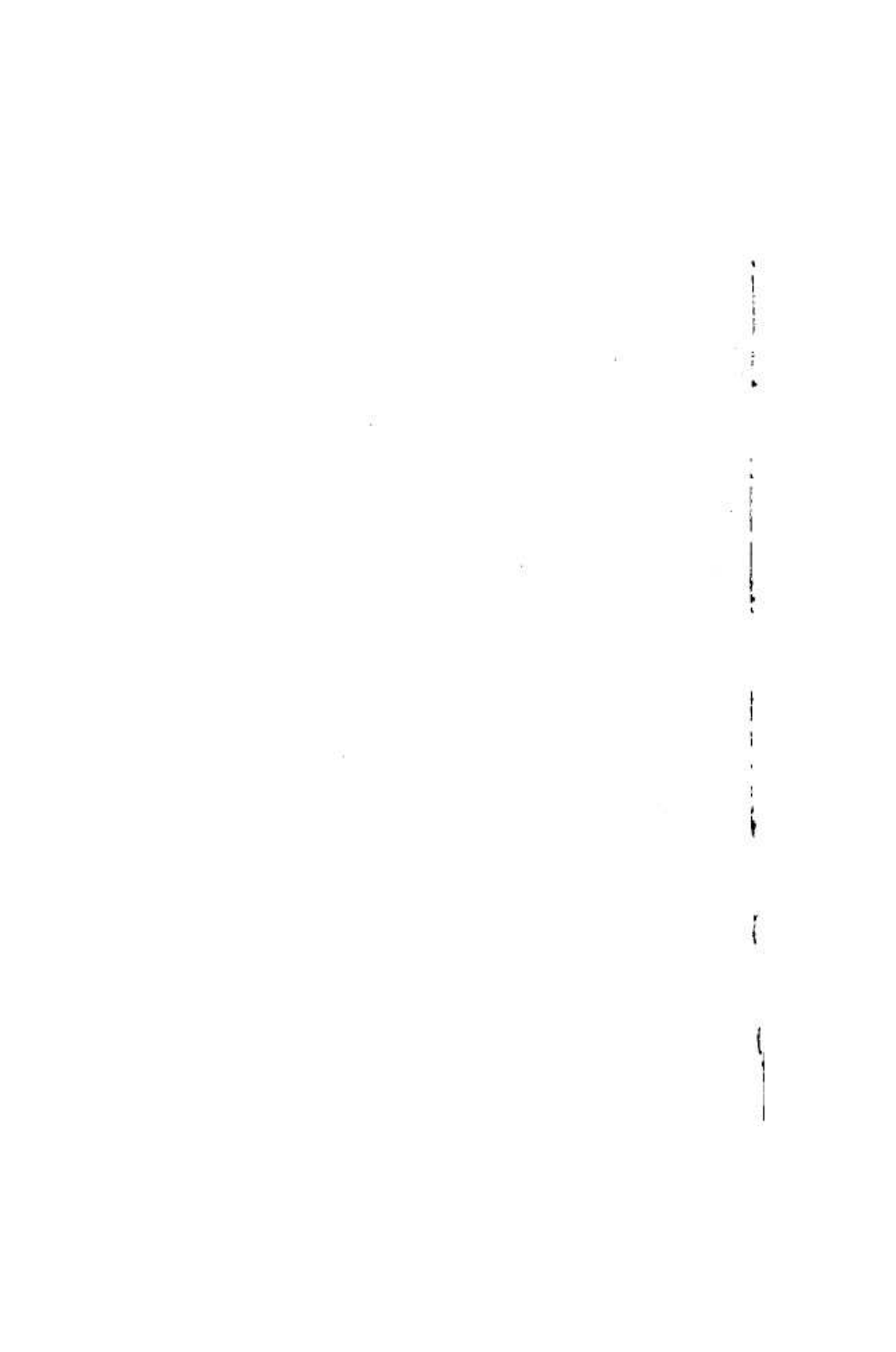
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"If it were his duty to write verses, he wrote verses; to fight slavers, he fought slavers; to write sermons, he wrote sermons; and he did one of these things with just as much alacrity as another."—*Memoir of Frederic Ingham*

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AUTHOR OF "HOW TO DO IT," "TEN TIMES ONE IS TEN,"  
"IN HIS NAME," AND "PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY  
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*For such pleasure as these verses may give to my children and to theirs, and to some other friends, I have collected them, — with a certain difficulty, which will be easily understood.*

*To these indulgent readers they are dedicated.*

EDWARD E. HALE.

ROXBURY, April 13, 1893.



## PREFACE.

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THIS collection would hardly have been made but for the courage and kindness of the Ladies of my Staff. They were loyal enough to their chief to find these poems, to copy them, and to give me the collection in their own hand-writing, as a present on my birthday, — the day I was seventy years old.

When I saw that the collection was so considerable, I determined to print it, with the motto from Colonel Ingham's life, which I have copied on the titlepage. My children will be glad to have the book; let me hope that theirs will, as I know some unknown friends of mine will welcome it; for a book "is a letter to the friends we have never seen."

EDWARD E. HALE.