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INTRODUCTION.

DELAY in the publication of this volume has given opportunity to discover and utilize several important documents which were not available at the time of delivering the Historical Discourse. Except in one particular, explained in foot note 46, the text of the Discourse is unchanged. Added matter is thrown into the Appendix. The author has aimed at accuracy in the presentation of facts, and believes that he has succeeded in giving reliable statements. In what might possibly be disputed, care has been taken to give the original documents or other acknowledged authority.

The illustrations, done in the best Albertype style, add greatly to the value of the book. They are all made from authentic originals, the portrait of Rev. John Murray being from an oil painting made in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1784, the only portrait for which Mr. Murray ever gave a sitting. The original painting is now owned by the Tufts Divinity School, Tufts College. All references in the Discourse to the Life of Murray, are to the edition of 1869.

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This glad memorial of Thy love,
Thy gracious benediction lend,
And breathe Thy spirit from above.

We thank Thee for the cheering voice
That here, a century ago,
Made heavy laden souls rejoice,
Thy blessed Gospel truths to know.

How sweet the words of hope it spoke
Of life through all-abounding grace!
How broad and strong the faith it woke,
That ripened into deeds apace!