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WOOTTON WRIGHT HAWKES,

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IN APPRECIATION OF

HIS VARIED TALENTS AND ATTAINMENTS,

THESE ESSAYS ARE INSCRIBED

BY HIS FRIEND

THE AUTHOR.

# PREFACE.

THE Essays here collected, except those on Charity, Prayer, Death, appeared, during the years 1861 and 1862, in the "Church Monthly Magazine," Boston. They are published in the present shape with the assent of the Rev. Dr. Huntington, formerly senior editor of the "Church Monthly," to whom I am indebted for kindly favoring my purpose of giving these Essays a more permanent form. I trust they will not be found deficient in unity. "Our best and surest road to knowledge," says Lord Kaimes, "is by profiting by the knowledge (i. e. the reading) of others." Certainly it is the shortest — to some it is the only road. I hope, therefore, that these Essays, brief though they be, will prove advantageous to those who may chance to peruse them, and thus "read by deputy."

G. C. McW.

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O God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, through Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*