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Athwart the Church's firmament."—*Farrar.*

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PREFACE.

THIS little contribution to General Gordon's precious memory was not prepared for publication. It was drawn up to be read before a Parochial Guild. It so happened that it was, however, in the first place read before the Clericus of Milwaukee. It met with so kindly a reception and with so unexpected a request for publication, that notwithstanding its brevity, and from that fact, if from no other, its unsatisfactoriness as a complete portraiture of its great subject, it is gladly given for whatever uses it may serve. It is a very unpretending attempt at a portraiture of the man: nothing else. The military and political career of General Gordon has been, in the compiler's mind, quite secondary to his extraordinary character, which was knightly, heroic and saintly. It may be said respecting his saintliness, as Dr. Mahan has said of that of S. Cyprian, another African Saint and Martyr: "His saintliness was of no artificial or conventional type. It was the consecration of a firm will, manly instincts, magnanimous disposition, and of a mind politic and sagacious, as it was earnest and intrepid." There were,