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THE following "Hints" were intended simply and exclusively for use in the College "Lecture-Room."

It has been the Author's custom, early in a Student's course, to draw very earnest attention to the subject of what is termed "DELIVERY," in the exercises of the Pulpit — inclusive of reading, prayer, preaching. This has been done chiefly by free conversational Lectures, which admitted (on both sides) of question and answer; and the practice brought into use a copious selection of "Examples."

The subject is one that offers many inducements to enlargement. The numerous topics falling within its range are highly suggestive, and none of them could be treated exhaustively in a brief MANUAL such as the present. The Author wishes it to be understood that he addresses himself chiefly and expressly to *Beginners*; and that he

aims at no more than setting them thinking *on the right track*. They will have much to learn from "men of renown" in this great and diversified study; still more will they have to find out for themselves. *Experientia docet*. Possibly, however, they will not have proceeded far before discovering that some value belongs to plain practical hints such as are here given. *Power* we cannot mutually offer or accept; but we *may* help each other to obviate mistakes by which power is insensibly lowered, and comes to be held in fetters at which we should once have laughed.

The Author is apprehensive that in some quarters more than ordinary *candour* will be required in weighing the suggestions he has ventured to throw out. Much that he has advanced will probably seem too obvious to need stating; and what is really valuable will be thought likely to occur, spontaneously, to persons of ordinary sense. Few subjects can be named that are more frequently discussed, or are more open to discussion.

Every Speaker, not absolutely in his novitiate, has accumulated a fund of ideas about the right practice of his art, and has much to say respecting the possible causes of failure and success. Rules and principles are adopted, and, with varying result, acted upon. These are successively modified and (as it is hoped) improved. At length we