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FOREWORD

THE following addresses were delivered as the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University in March, 1908, and a few weeks later were repeated in a somewhat different form as the Earle Lectures at the Pacific Theological Seminary of Berkeley, California. They contain no information on any subject; but are designed to give — what is perhaps the only gift one man can really make to another — a point of view.

Many ministers to-day have a dim and baffled feeling that their work is somehow not fully correlated with the life of the modern world. They stand like David when he had rejected Saul's armor and had not yet found his own — bravely facing the gigantic form, but uncertain as to the method of attack. They are striving to define their own calling afresh and adjust it to novel and rapidly changing conditions. Must the prophet decrease, because the teacher has increased? The questions forced upon us by the obvious reinterpretation of the minister's function are of interest not to clergymen only, but to every believer in Christianity and to every student of social and moral progress. The writer, having spent fifteen years in the active

ministry, and ten years in the still more active task of educational administration, has attempted to show that the relation of the two spheres of preacher and teacher is closer and more vital than has yet been recognized; and that the educational conception of the ministry — though other ideals may be important and valuable — will be especially fruitful in our time.

He begs leave to express his indebtedness for candid counsel and illuminating suggestion to his friends, Rev. Robert A. Ashworth and Professor Gerald Birney Smith, and to his colleague, Professor Walter G. Everett.

PROVIDENCE, September 1, 1908.

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I

THE PLACE OF THE MINISTER IN MODERN LIFE

"The teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." — *Dan. xii. 3.*

"A good preacher should have these properties and virtues: first, to teach systematically. . . ." — *LUTHER, Table-Talk.*