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P R E F A C E .

THESE Lectures, originally designed for this city, and subsequently preached in New Haven, by special desire of several clergymen of that place, are affectionately inscribed to the Young Gentlemen who attended their delivery, and at whose united request they are now published, with the fervent prayer of the Author, that they may contribute to the virtue, respectability, and happiness of those, in whose present and future welfare he feels the warmest interest.

HARTFORD, April, 1828.

The above dedicatory note tells the story of this little volume so far as it relates to its origin and design. Its history has been such as never en-

tered the mind of the author to anticipate. The Lectures were prepared and delivered in the hope that they would be useful, especially to the young men to whom they were first addressed, and there it was supposed they would stop. But in various forms numerous editions have continued to be issued, till some ninety thousand copies have been put in circulation in this country, besides more in England where it was early republished. With humble gratitude the author feels constrained to record it to the praise of God's grace, that besides numerous testimonies to its general usefulness he has heard of more than eighty young men who have traced the commencement of their Christian life to impressions received from the reading of this little book. This the writer never even thought of and it must surely be all of grace.

It is now with the addition of two new lectures, committed to the Congregational Board of Publication, with an arrangement that fifty copies be annually sent for distribution among the young men of the First Church and Society in Hartford, and with earnest prayer that it may, with the

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blessing of God, be perpetuated, and continued to
do good long after the author shall have passed
from the scenes of time. J. H.

HARTFORD, March, 1856.

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