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INTRODUCTORY.

THIS little book grows out of the experience of four generations, of which the last three have so overlapped as to be, practically, one long pastorate of nearly four-score years. These texts, topics, hints, and arrangements of Scripture have taken, in our work, the place of other funeral forms. For, after a thorough examination of all the published manuals which are accessible to American clergymen, we found so much that was incoherent, or abrupt, or unsuitable, that we were driven directly back to the Word of God itself.

We have aimed to supply a practical want in a practical way. It will be seen that we have endeavored to make a convenient volume for the pocket; whose Services will be easily read in a darkened room; whose Topics and Texts may be an instant help in any emergency; and whose discussion of the important theme which has produced it, will lead to hopefulness and comfort in the valley of the shadow of Death.

May it be as the "hyssop that springeth out of the wall"—a living thing from the sepulchre to sprinkle cleansing upon the customs of our grief.

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