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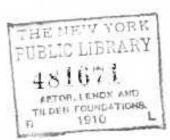
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TO THE

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IN

RAHWAY, N. J.; CHARLOTTSVILLE, VA.; MOBILE, ALA.;

AND

ABOVE ALL,

BECAUSE

NEARER TO HIM THAN ALL.

TO OUR

OFT STRICKEN AND EVER BELOVED MOTHER,

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DEDICATE THESE FAINT OUTLINES

OF

THEIR YOUTHFUL BISHOP

AND

HER YOUNGEST SON.

PREFACE.

DEAR READER,—This volume owes its origin to the affection of three churches, very respectable for numbers, intelligence, and piety, over whom, by appointment of Christ, it was the early lot of our dear young brother successively, and very successfully, to preside.

Those who knew him best, in health, sickness, life, or even in death, believed that his career, though short, was richly fraught with instruction. His uncommon diligence in study, being almost a pastor while but a student—his indomitable efforts to support himself in college—his future rapid exaltation in and by the public mind, from the almost unknown novitiate, in four short years, to the bishopric of churches, worthy of the most commanding talents and experienced wisdom. His almost unparalleled feebleness and vexing bodily infirmities, and yet his continuance, like a fixed star, so long before the world's admiring gaze, though failing bodily, yet growing in mental and spiritual splendour, were circumstances which his devoted people cherished too

highly to suffer eclipse from their being written only on the memory of a busy and dying community.

It would have been a privilege to the compilers, could they have retired within the sacredness of their home circle, and, with their remnant family, mourned, in silence and seclusion, his early death and the death of an elder brother, Rev. PHILANDER DUNHAM GILLETTE, of Elmira, New York, which so afflictingly followed. But three highly influential churches, and many thousand weeping admirers, extending from central New York to the Gulf of Mexico, commanded us, and we could not but endeavour to obey their voice. We would conclude in the language of the Rev. A. Judson, D. D., in reference to the dust of his precious wife, Sarah, "And so, God willing, while [his] prostrate form reposes in death, and [his] sanctified spirit enjoys sweeter repose on the bosom of Jesus, let me continue to toil on all my appointed time until my change, too, shall come."