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INTRODUCTION

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The organizations through which Congregational churches have carried on their general benevolence have been their main bond of union. These societies have been formed by groups of individuals rather than by direct action of the churches, but they have expressed in their administration the will of the churches and therefore have been adopted by them as their agencies for advancing the Kingdom of God. Hence the history of these societies is to a large extent the history of the denomination.

Dr. Ewing has done an important service in searching out and recording the origin and growth of the organizations which have from time to time been merged in The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, and its progress to the present day. It has occupied a more important position, both in promoting the usefulness of the local churches and in extending the influence of the denomination, than is generally recognized. It has been a potent influence of the churches in creating their literature, in guiding the education of their children and youth, in shaping their theology, and in developing their polity.

This volume deserves to be studied by those who would understand the genius of Congregationalism, and by those who would preserve and develop it. They will find in it encouragement from the records of faithful men and women who labored as pioneers without thought of being remembered by future generations, and who often builded better than they knew.

The changes now in progress in the administration of Congregational churches as a denomination, and in their re-

lation to other denominations make this record of increased interest, by way of comparison, and as an introduction to the new Congregationalism which is evolving from the older type.

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