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PREFACE.

THIS volume is the first contribution to the series of biographies of some deceased ministers, which the Board of Publication has resolved to issue. It is singular in one respect, that it embraces the sketches of three men of the same name, and bearing to each other the near relations of grandfather, son and grandson. There are similar kinships in a few of the families of our ministers, but as the grandsons are still living, it is not likely that for years there will be another book published in which the lives of all three shall be narrated.

The writer of the present volume regrets that he was limited to so small a space for the full exhibition of the lives of these three most worthy men. He was compelled reluctantly to omit much that would have more fully illustrated their characters, but as a considerable portion of the writings of two of them has been published in books, reviews, magazines and church papers, he was not permitted by the committee of the Board to introduce any of them, even extracts, into their biographies.

The writer has availed himself of the help generously

furnished by relatives and friends; but much of it he was obliged to lay aside for fear of enlarging the book beyond the prescribed limits.

It is hoped that other volumes, which have been assigned to competent writers, will rapidly follow this forerunner of the series.

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PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

The publishers very much regret that they are unable to give the likeness of Rev. Charles Augustus Gottlieb Stork, on the *Frontispiece*, with those of Rev. Theophilus Stork, D. D., and Rev. Charles A. Stork, D. D.

A diligent inquiry among his descendants failed to find a daguerrectype or photograph of him. He lived in an age when "likenesses" were not as common as they have since become.