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PREFACE.

In preparing this brief sketch of Elder Miles Grant's life, together with selections from his Daily Journal, the object has been two-fold. First, it has seemed fitting that the record of a preacher who gave his Gospel message through sixty years, carrying it round the world, and powerfully influencing men through seventy years, should be resolved to permanent form. Second, it has been felt that the silent witness to his consuming religious devotion, as revealed in his Journal, should be given to the world as a lasting testimony to the power of divine grace in the life.

Through seven decades Miles Grant moved and influenced men. Sacrificing the ease and comforts of home, it may truly be said of him, that he spared not himself in the service of his Master. Through most of the time for over sixty years he was a traveling preacher, seeking to win men from darkness to light. Through much of that period he was a champion debater on religious questions, and for a third of it had the editorial care of a religious weekly. His numerous activities, extending through nearly three-fourths of a century, and carrying him to other lands and around the world, constitute a remarkable record. It is not too much to say, that in his preach-

ing, his debates and his writings, he powerfully influenced the religious thought of his time.

A chief reason for this volume, and one that will have larger emphasis in the latter part, is the wish to bring into clearer light the intense spiritual devotion of the man. His Daily Journal, kept through about fifty years, and not intended for the public eye, records not only his daily activities, but his longings and higher aspirations. It records his severe discipline of self, and his unwavering purpose, year by year and day by day, to be a "better man," and to more and more reflect the Christ spirit. In a day when Christianity has drifted too far from the example and spirit of its Founder, much in Elder Grant's Journal should be helpful in a devotional way. This record of his inner quest for the highest and best in Christian experience belongs in a class with the biography of David Brainerd, though it is far more triumphant than the latter in tone.

A perusal of Elder Grant's Journal should convince the most skeptical of reality in the Christian religion. Its writer not only followed Christ outwardly, but inwardly, and it testifies, as would Elder Grant's many friends, that his life was one of transparent uprightness and of rare devotion to his Master.

His unwavering conviction and devotion in the proclamation of Christ's return, and kindred questions, are here recorded, and will be heartening to faith amid the unbelief and skepticism of our own time.