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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

My country parish is a small one, but to me it is the center of the world. It is just the kind of parish that big-salaried city pastors call ideal, but never go to if they can help it. One of my predecessors in considering a call to this pastorate said, "I think there is enough milk here to fill my pail." So he found it, and his pail was a capacious one. A pleasant feature of my parish is that it forms an eddy on the edge of the swift current of city life. It is near enough to a large city to feel its pulsations, and to touch and be touched by its larger life, yet far enough away from it to be out of reach of its noise and strife. Looking out through the narrow loophole of this tower of observation I have seen a goodly bit of the ministerial world pass in review and have had leisure to observe and study a great variety of ministerial

types. Some of these types I shall endeavor to describe; setting down naught in malice, but speaking the truth in love.

It is only fair to state that, while the following Sketches are in every particular true to life, none of them, except the last—which is, to use a Scottish phrase, “an owre (too) true tale”—are descriptive of individuals. They are typical representations, in which the characteristics of several individuals are often blended into one composite portrait.

H. M.

PREFATORY NOTE TO SECOND EDITION.

An oft-repeated request has been made for the writer of these Sketches to come from behind the shelter of his *nom de plume* and make his bow to his readers. Apart from the desire to gratify a request so kindly made, accompanied as it has been with such generous expression of appreciation, a special reason for compliance exists in the circumstance that by a strange freak of typographical depravity the *nom de plume* which was originally assumed got changed from Hamish Mann to Hames Mann. Now, *Hamish* is the Gælic for James, so that the addition of the surname would make the whole name read

JAMES MANN CAMPBELL.

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CHAPTER I.

A SUCCESSFUL PREACHER.

“What do you think of that face?” I asked one of my deacons, while holding my hand over the white tie and clerical garb of the individual whose portrait I held to view. “That,” replied my deacon, who is a shrewd observer of human nature, “is the face of some smart business man, a successful dry goods merchant in all probability.” “You are wrong,” I answered, “it is the face of a successful preacher.” “Then I hazard the opinion that his success as a preacher comes from the application to church work of business methods.” He was nearer the mark in his first guess than I knew, for as I afterwards learned, my friend, Dr. Thompson, had before entering the ministry, been a dry goods merchant in a small way, and had made in the business a considerable