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be abundantly compensated if they shall become the occasion to others of kindred researches, and kindred pleasure and profit. He believes that studies in our denominational history will increase our reverence for those who have gone before us, and contribute, by the blessing of God, to restore somewhat of their superior efficiency in promoting the kingdom of our Lord, and the salvation of men.

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