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PREFACE.

THIS volume had its origin in the desire to preserve some memorable passages in the Sermons of our late venerated pastor, written down from recollection, by different persons, at different times.

To these have been added such extracts from his private letters and other discourses, as seemed in harmony with the original design; and they are now printed in remembrance of him who spake and wrote them, and to whom we listened with such affectionate admiration.

To all of us, these "Remembered Words" are very precious; and they will serve to keep forever fresh in our memories the voice, the form, the fervent manner of one whose spirit, in warning and consoling, was the spirit of St. John, and whose life and conversation were also those of the "Beloved Disciple."

PORTLAND, *May*, 1860.

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“THE works of man,” says Lamartine, “survive his thoughts ;” but I should rather say his thoughts survive his works. His rich temples, his vaulted roofs, his triumphal arches, tell indeed that he *has* been, but otherwise they are silent. The monuments of human minds leave their testimonies behind. Their volumed remains tell us the thoughts of those who have gone before. 3

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PIETY is the true philosophy of life. It is no appendage,—no invention,—it is the consummation of the noblest principles in our natures; and there is not a woe it will not turn into a good, nor a blessing that is a blessing without it.

Do we not find that trials give us more fixed and definite conceptions of the Divine mercy,—as we want a smoked glass to see the sun? It is not amid the unboundedness and the glare of Providential good, that we can get our clearest ideas, and our best admeasurement of the Divine benevolence.