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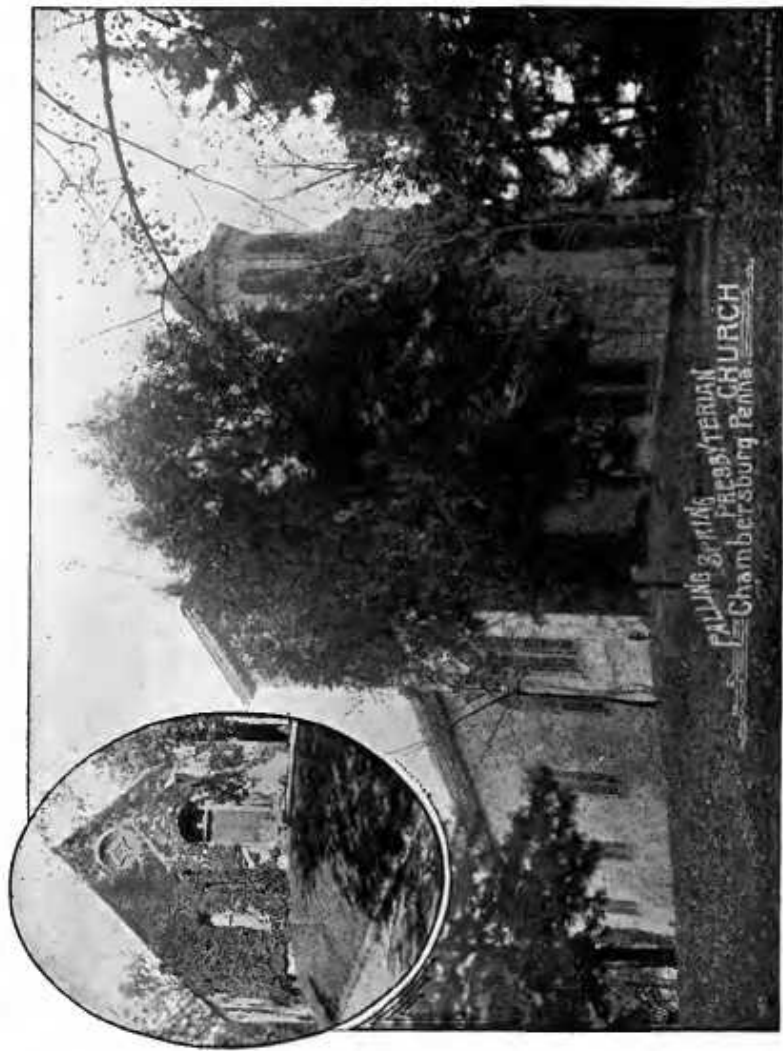
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PREFACE.

As a true man loves his home, and a true patriot his country, so a true Christian loves his Church. Home and country and Church are the Christian's dearest earthly inheritances. Neither pride of ancestry, nor idolatry of stone and mortar, can be mistaken for genuine fruit-bearing love of Zion's "towers and bulwarks and palaces." (Ps. 48:12-13.) "A people who take no pride," says Macaulay, "in remembering and recording the deeds of their forefathers, will not be likely to do anything worthy to be remembered or preserved by posterity." And a godly ancestry is more to be desired than a great or wealthy. Thomas Guthrie once wrote, "Through my ancestry, as far as I can trace them, I can claim to be the seed of the righteous, a higher honor than the blue blood of which some boast." And Wm. Cowper well sang :

"My boast is not that I deduce my birth
From loins enthroned, and rulers of the earth ;
But higher far my proud pretensions rise,
The son of parents passed into the skies."

The chief value of a study of the past is that we are thereby incited to the work of improving upon that past. It behooves the children of godly men to pass on to their children's children a record in which the latter shall rejoice

as fully we rejoice in what is "the past" to us. No better prayer can be offered than this :

"God of our fathers ! be the God
Of their succeeding race."

The authors of the addresses contained in this volume will feel that their efforts have not been in vain, if the youth of today shall be stirred to still better, nobler lives and deeds.

So far as possible, the proof-sheets have been read by the respective authors.

The editing of the volume has been a labor of love by one who counts it an honor to be a loyal son of the Presbyterian Church, and a joy as well to be the minister of "The Falling Spring Presbyterian Congregation."

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