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NOMINATION; GENEROUS IN HIS SYMPATHIES WITH ALL
WHO LOVED THE LORD JESUS; BENEFICENT IN HIS EF-
FORTS TO ADVANCE MENTAL AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL
CULTURE; PATRIOTIC IN HIS DEVOTION TO THE
INTERESTS OF HIS COUNTRY; THE FRIEND
OF THE NEEDY; HOSPITABLE AND COUR-
TEOUS TO ALL; THIS WORK IS MOST
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

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