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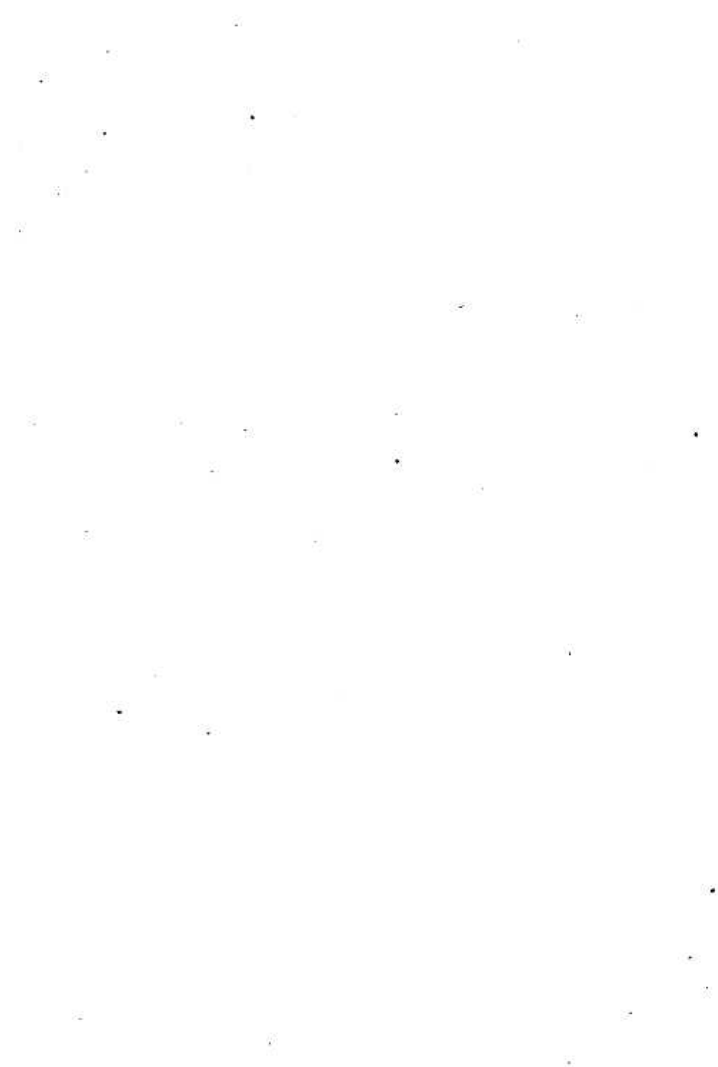
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NOTHING can be more instructive and interesting to read than the records made by good and true men of one who, in the estimation of all, was a model of goodness and truth. Such are the addresses, sermons, and various personal reminiscences brought together here as a tribute of honor and love to the late venerable Dr. De Witt.

To the compiler of these memorials has been assigned the task—the privilege, rather—of preparing a biographical sketch by way of introduction. The request, coming from those who only had the right to make it, was so entirely unexpected and unsought, that it seemed as if it ought not to be denied; “what thou art commanded thee, think thereupon with reverence.” Therefore, though keenly alive to the fact that many more skillful hands could thus have been honored, the editor offers the following pages as preface to the more important documents.

The noble and great in heart and mind need not the props of ancestry. But it is a natural feeling to take pleasure in tracing their lineage back like a narrow stream over the