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## Foreword

**D**OCTOR Weidner was a great student of good Biography. He highly appreciated its importance and value. He never wearied of urging his students to diligently study this form of history. He claimed that a man who is at home in the biographies of the great men of history, the men who have made history, who have left an impress upon the ages in which they lived and labored, is a scholar in no mean sense of the word.

This booklet is not a biography. It is a character-sketch. It is an appreciation. It is written out of an appreciative and loving heart. The writer of this labored under and by the side of the mighty maker of Chicago Seminary for a full score of years. He had time to study this unique character, to measure him, to understand him.



To be the helper of such a big builder; to be close to him in the privacy of his study, in his little family, in class and lecture room, in chapel-worship, in great assemblies, on long and short journeys, in walks and talks and earnest plannings and sometime sharp discussions; to counsel and pray together in dark days, to rejoice together in bright days, to exchange views on the great subjects taught in the Seminary, on the best methods of teaching, on the responsibility and the difficulty of making the right kind of ministers, soul saving, soul building and age-bettering men out of what seemed so often unpromising material, to have heart to heart talks on times and tendencies and men and measures on hopes and visions of what God might have in store for our school—all this was certainly a precious privilege.

And in this score-long and varied intimacy we certainly ought to come to know each other.





The Old Home where R. F. Weidner was born and brought up.