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When men do anything for God, the very least thing, they never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little ones.

—Frederick William Faber

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PREFACE

THIS book has grown out of the "Ridley Lectures" on "The Minister in Relation to Children and Sunday-schools," delivered at Regent's Park College, London, in the summer of 1900. The same course was given before the students of the Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., and single lectures in the series have been used elsewhere.

In preparing them for the press I have widened the original scope by adding the lectures which deal with the origin, progress, and future of the modern Sunday-school. The literary form in which they were originally cast when prepared for delivery as lectures has been changed somewhat, the better to appeal to the constituency of readers now addressed; but I have not materially altered the aim to which I was committed by the Ridley foundation, namely, to deal mainly with the minister in his relation to the young people of his congregation. The importance of this aspect of Sunday-school work, and the slight attention which it has so far received, seem to me to justify this distinct and definite purpose in the book, even though