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ENRICHED THE MINISTRIES OF
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PREFACE

THIS book has been written not only for men seeking to know their vocation, but also for men who have definitely decided to enter the ministry. Some men will be patient and, in its printed order, read the book through. Others may care to use it to answer this question or that. I hope that the table of contents will lead them to the answers which they seek.

Obviously no handbook such as this may be counted a sufficient guide. Biography will give color to dry details; and varied biographies of the ministry abound. Two books especially I suggest as vivid, concrete illustrations of the life of the ministry. One of them chances to be a book which I had the privilege of writing—the "Life of Edward Lincoln Atkinson."* The book is

* Published by Longmans, Green, & Co., London and New York.

so truly Atkinson's that I have no qualms in drawing attention to the happy experience of his brief ministry; for it will tell a young man what he may expect at the beginning. The other book is John Watson's "Cure of Souls."* Here the reader will find the rich experience of an older man.

C. L. S.

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