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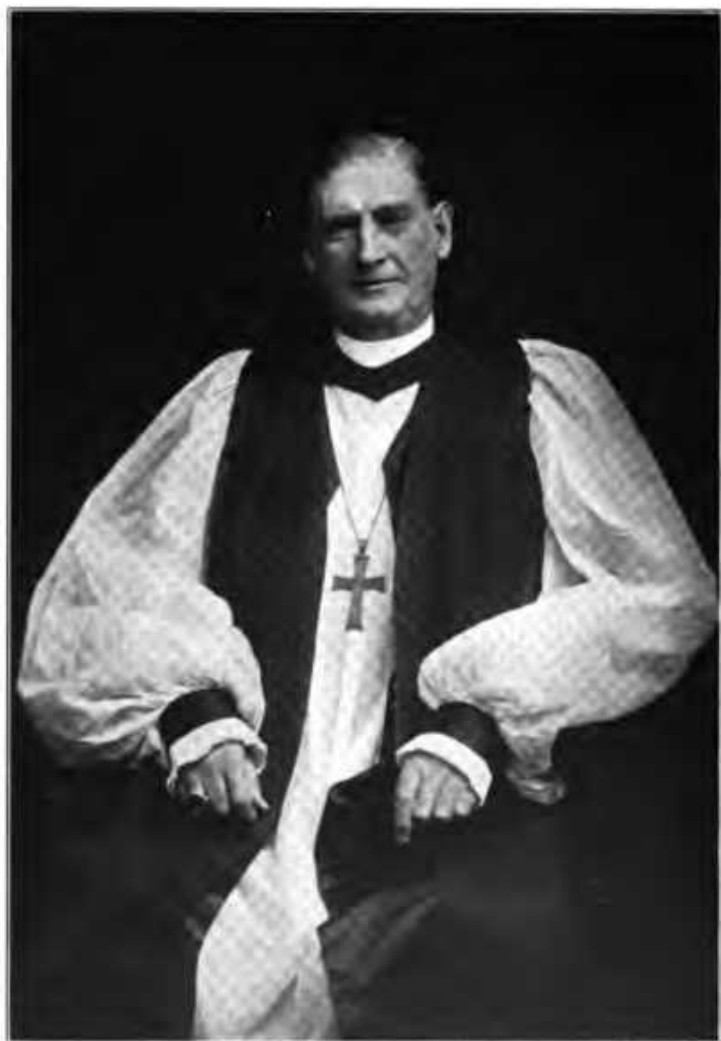
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This volume is dedicated to the Laymen's Missionary League of Buffalo, in grateful recognition of their devotion and Christian zeal, in bringing to many villages, hamlets and small communities of Western New York the comforting and helpful messages of the Church.



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Preface

In the service of fifty-five years at God's Altar, thirty-four of which were lived as Chief Shepherd, the writer of these sermons had for the dominant keynote in all his ministrations and messages the great desire to help man so to live in this life, that he might be accounted worthy for the Life Eternal.

The intimate knowledge acquired during this more than half century as Deacon, Priest and Bishop, shows a keen and vivid insight for all the weaknesses and temptations of human nature; and the practical counsels contained in this volume, for the help and comfort of every phase of trial and sorrow, may still be a guide to the many who often listened to the voice, now silent, but which yet speaks the kindly influence and encouragement for Christian living.

From the rich treasury, but a few sermons have been selected. Some, written, when in the first flush and enthusiasm of young manhood, amidst the teeming activities of twenty-one years' ministry in the Metropolis; others, during

the thirteen years on the plains and prairies in the then isolated Missionary District of North Dakota, serving the children of the red skin and their pale faced brothers; and a few gathered from the twenty-one strenuous years devoted to his beloved Diocese of Western New York, where the manifold duties, problems and activities never prevented the careful preparation of a message for his people.

If these words of God's faithful and cheerful servant, whose chief happiness lay in the service of his Master, can still bring comfort, counsel and peace to the sorrowful, the bereaved, the tempted and the doubting, the earnest desire for their publication will have been accomplished for the compiler,

HIS WIFE.

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