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TO
THE BLESSED MEMORY
OF MY DEAR MOTHER
Mary Eunice Copp Wilbur
WHO FROM YOUTH TO OLD AGE
TAUGHT LITTLE CHILDREN
THE LOVE OF
GOD

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L'ENVOI

*Go, little book; God speed thee on thy way,
And bear thy message straight to loyal hearts,
Who, seeing all to-morrow in to-day,
Are striving in the strength His grace im-
parts
To guide God's little pilgrims, lest they stray.*



FOREWORD

THese brief papers are the outgrowth of many years of observation and experience in the teaching and religious training of children. The conclusions have been drawn from cases of neglect as well as from those of nurture; for we are admonished by the one sort, and advised by the other.

Thomas K. Beecher once declared to a company of Sunday-School teachers: "You cannot give your children religion; that is not your province. Your work is to keep the child in position before God." A vastly important and tender work that is; and these papers have been written from time to time, as occasion demanded, to consider certain aspects of that work. Many of them have appeared in *The Churchman*, and are here reprinted by the courtesy of that paper. In their collected form it is hoped that they may have a wider usefulness than the single articles could have.