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PREFACE

THE aim in preparing this work has been to provide in sermonic form a diversified, representative and scholarly presentation of the everlasting truths of the gospel; to make the volumes a veritable college in the science of homiletics, so far as such a work can meet this function.

The chief difference between this work and all other volumes of sermons now in use, whether issued in one or more volumes, is that this is the only sermonic work ever constructed along international, representative and scholarly lines and put into such compact and convenient form.

The one hundred and seventeen sermons in these volumes are all by living men, representing different parts of the world, as well as representing many different denominations. Most of them have been in the active ministry, but are now identified with seminaries, colleges, and universities, or hold official positions

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connected with their respective denominations, or have editorial connections.

These contributors, moreover, are scholars who stand among the foremost living writers in the field of religious and theological thought. Their contributions to the encyclopedias and Bible dictionaries of our time, their text-books and their numerous contributions to the best magazines, is, we think, sufficient guarantee that the sermons will, on the whole, stand the test of the most critical examination.

What the reader would naturally expect from such sources we believe he will find in these sermons. Practically they traverse the whole field of sermonic literature, presenting unusual variety and richness of style, combined with depth and range of thought, and replete with a rich fund of information and inspiration. Because of the wide ground which they cover, we are confident that they will become nothing less than models for the modern preacher and for those who are preparing for the ministry. Professor Harnack says, "It is very much easier to produce six brilliant scientific treatises than to deliver or write one sermon which is timeless." This

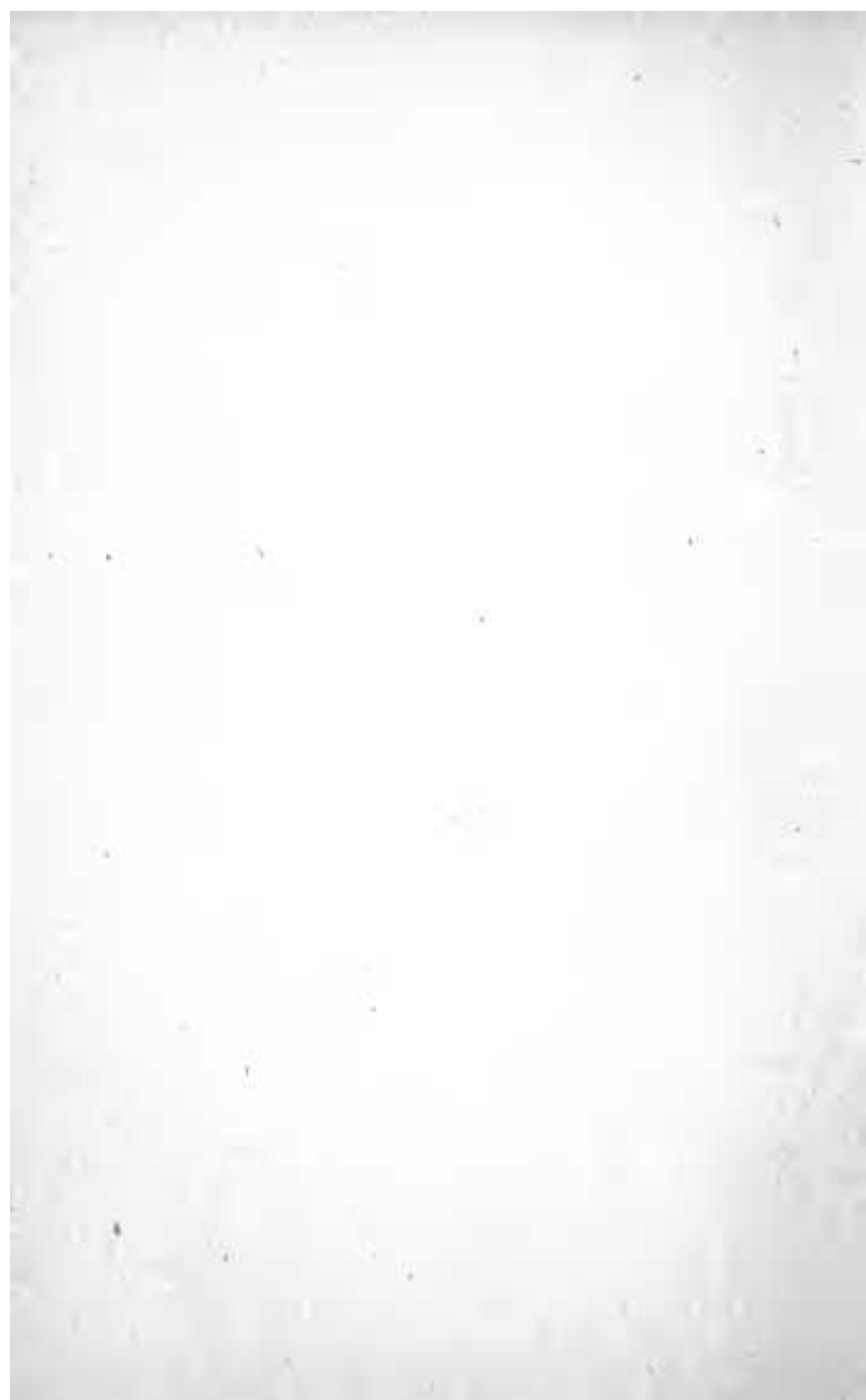
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timeless element belongs to these sermons and gives them their peculiar worth.

We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the uniform courtesy and kindness of the many contributors to this work, without whose generous cooperation in preparing their manuscripts and examining the proofs we could not have produced it.

We also desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to many correspondents who have been good enough to call our attention to names of scholars worthy of a place in these volumes.

In accordance with more modern methods of printing and editing, the sermons in this collection have been, for the most part, relieved of numeral division marks, italics and similar mechanical devices. By this method we have secured approximate uniformity in the mechanical part of the work.



INTRODUCTION

DURING that dark epoch before the English Revolution an English statesman asked Lord Bacon for a forecast of events for England. To which the philosopher replied, "Tell me what the young men in our universities are thinking, and I will tell you how events will go for the next century." After reading these fascinating pages by our most distinguished educators, authors and editors, we laid down the volumes with the reflection that we know what the young men in our colleges of to-day, who are to be the leaders of the republic to-morrow, are thinking about, what high themes are being discust in lecture halls and chapels, what ideals are offered for the home and the school, the market-place and the legislative hall, and what principles are being laid down, as highways along which the soul, like a chariot, may move heavenward. No task to-day is more difficult than that of the