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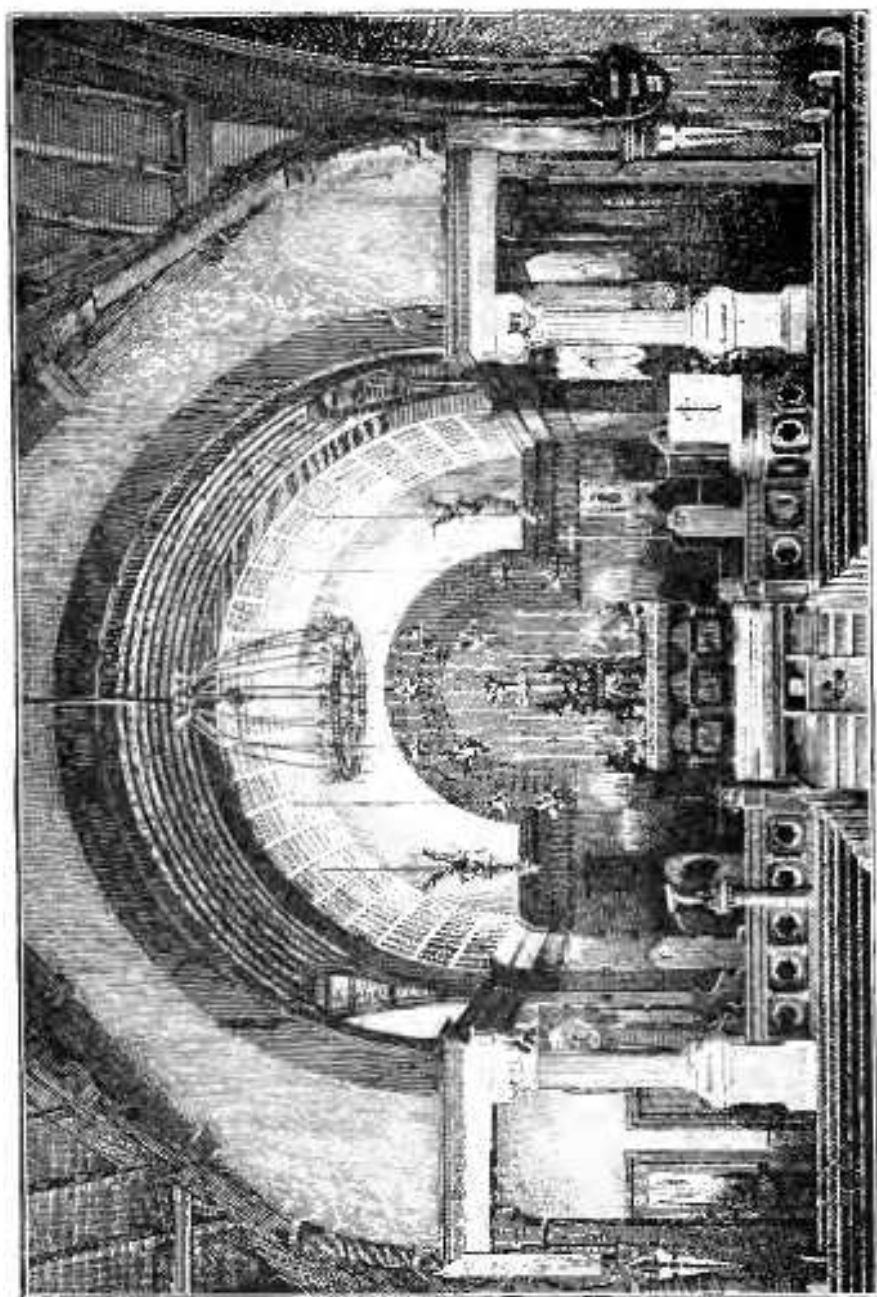
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## PREFACE.

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THE following pages were begun during a few weeks of enforced rest from active labor, in response to repeated requests from friends, benefactors and fellow-workers for information respecting the methods adopted in carrying on the work of St. Mary's Chapel. It was hoped that by a brief history of the work the information could be more satisfactorily given than was possible by private correspondence. To the fulfillment of this purpose it was sought to add such details as would make a permanent record prized by the colored people who have been associated with the parish. In carrying out this very restricted and simple purpose, the review of difficulties of the past, the singular perplexities of the present, and the great uncertainty of the whole problem of the future of the colored people, have tempted the writer to extend the plan, and to offer some suggestions, and to draw some inferences from a somewhat exceptional experience, which he trusts will not be wholly unacceptable nor unprofitable to such readers as may be induced by their interest in the subject to consider them.

In performing the task, it was impossible not to foresee that in the endeavor to tell the whole truth



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and to express his opinions with entire candor, he would hardly escape wounding the feelings and perhaps call forth some earnest, if not bitter, dissent alike from the people of the North, of the South, and from the colored people themselves. But he felt no less convinced that it was only by telling the truth and the whole truth that he could contribute testimony of any value in the solution of a problem of great difficulties doubtless, but of still greater importance. He has long since learned that he can rely upon the indulgence of his friends for all errors of judgment, many of which will doubtless be detected in these pages. A more general public he does not venture to hope to reach. For defects of any other character his only apology must be that he makes no pretension to a right to enroll himself on the too-crowded list of authors, other than an intimate knowledge of the things of which he writes.

THE AUTHOR.

MOUNT CALVARY (CLERGY HOUSE,

*Nov. 1st, 1884.*

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