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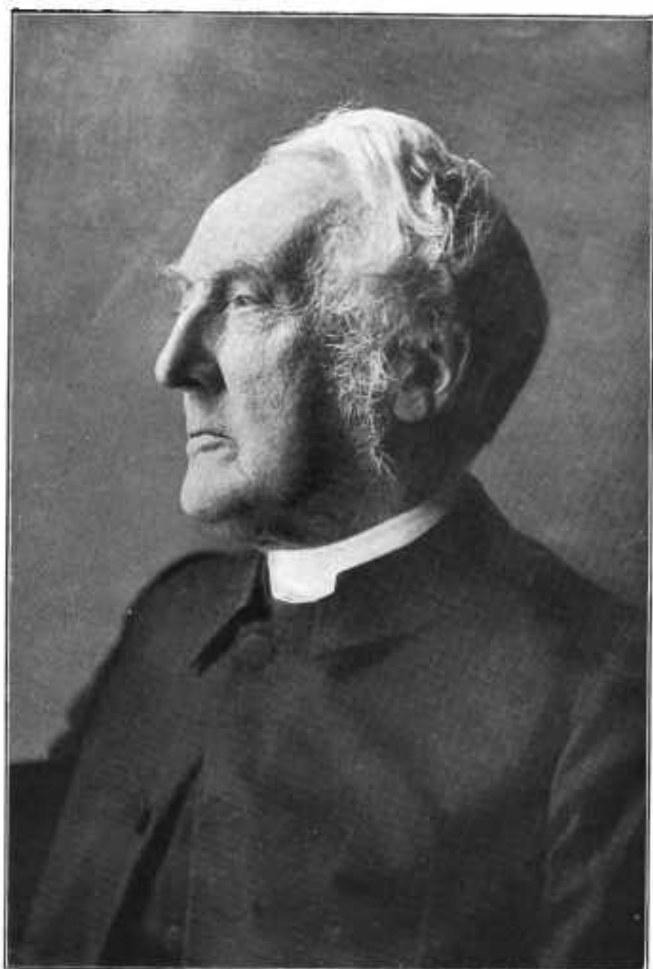
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A RECENT PORTRAIT

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PREFACE



THE greatest thing in any servant of Christ is character; and the Scottish Church leader of whom we are to speak, though he suffered from malicious misconstruction and at times laid himself open to misunderstanding, was essentially throughout a man of unselfish goodness. He was not merely disinterested but in all personal questions a high-minded gentleman; he was not only godly but deeply spiritual. Still, when we have said that, it remains no less true that the contribution which Dr. Rainy's life offered to the service of the kingdom of God took the form of ecclesiastical statesmanship. He did not make himself a leader in thought or in scholarship, nor yet in direct Christian work, so much as in Church business. Hence other Churchmen, and especially other Free Churchmen, have both the right and the duty

to study his career of leadership, and to estimate its lessons.

Much of the biographical element in what follows is drawn from recollections of conversations with my mother, or with my uncle, Mr. Brown of the Scotch church at Pau, to whose memory Dr. Rainy paid a beautiful tribute in the *United Free Church Record* last year. Some pages have appeared already in the *Primitive Methodist Quarterly Review*, and smaller fragments in *Young Scotland*.

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