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THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER,
The Rev. J. Henry Smith, D.D.,
FROM WHOSE LIPS I LEARNED
AND IN WHOSE LIFE I BEHELD
THE BEAUTY AND POWER
OF CALVINISM,
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK.

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PREFACE

THIS is not another essay on "The Five Points." Such treatises have their place and value, but they present our system, and only the anti-Arminian part of it at that, in its bones. They furnish no adequate conception of that divinely vital and exuberant Calvinism, the creator of the modern world, the mother of heroes, saints and martyrs in number without number, which history, judging the tree by its fruits, crowns as the greatest creed of Christendom.

This historic faith of the Presbyterian Church has in recent years been assailed with the most searching criticism, the most merciless caricature, the most vivid and eloquent abuse. That in this and every other conflict it will come off more than conqueror, we have no shadow of doubt.

But these assaults have not been without effect. The popular style in which they have been urged, the air of supercilious and