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THE MEMBERS
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CHURCH AND SOCIETY IN BRATTLE SQUARE,
THIS HISTORY
IS GRATEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED,
BY
THEIR FRIEND AND PASTOR,
S. K. LOTHROP.

P R E F A C E .



SOME alterations and considerable additions have been made to the following discourses since the substance of them was preached in Brattle Street Church, in the course of the year 1850. Notwithstanding the introduction of some new matter, I have retained, in publishing them, the name and style and direct address of sermons, because this was more convenient than to alter the whole structure of the manuscripts. This is my apology, or explanation, for whatever may be thought inappropriate, or in violation of good taste, in a sermon, or a volume of sermons. I have preferred to subject myself to this charge rather than omit from the text or the notes any thing, whether a dull detail or an amusing anecdote,

which would help to illustrate the events or the characters of which I was writing.

I have ventured to publish the following pages because, invited to do so by the Standing Committee, I felt some assurance that the members of the Society worshipping in Brattle Square would be interested in them, and because I hoped that they might prove some contribution, however small, toward that which is so much needed, an ecclesiastical history of New England.

The researches of my predecessor had made much of the work of investigation easy to my hands, and while I have in every case consulted for myself original documents and records, I desire to make this general acknowledgment of the use I have made of the very full and valuable notes appended to his historical sermon.

S. K. L.

Boston, June 23, 1851.

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