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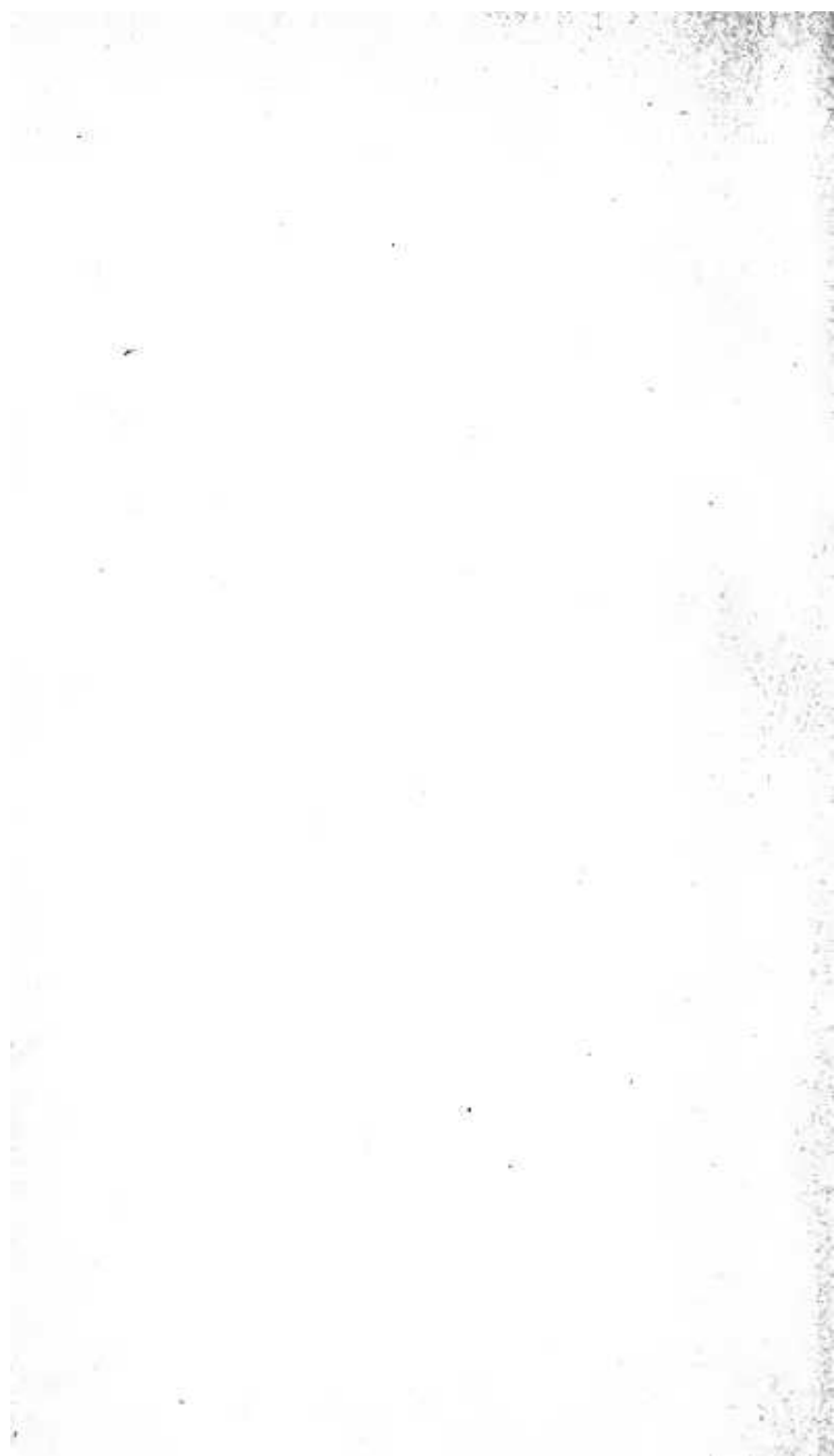
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PREFACE

THE origin of this book is to be found in the vote of the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, adopted on May 21, 1901, wherein it was —

Voted, To request the President to appoint a committee of the Association to consider and report upon the condition and progress of unsectarian education in American schools, academies, and colleges.

In accordance with this vote the President appointed as this committee Professor Franklin W. Hooper, director of the Brooklyn Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. ; Professor Samuel C. Derby, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio ; Rev. Joseph H. Crooker, Ann Arbor, Mich. ; Ellis Peterson, Esq., supervisor of the Boston Public Schools ; Frederic Winsor, Esq., Middlesex School, Concord, Mass. ; Thomas Q. Browne, Esq., Morristown School, Morristown, N.J. ; Rev. James De Normandie, president of the trustees of the Roxbury Latin School ; Professor

Horatio S. White, dean of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. ; Harrison O. Aphthorp, Esq., Milton Academy, Milton, Mass. ; Professor William H. Carruth, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan. ; and Mr. J. L. Coolidge, instructor in Harvard University. This committee duly organized with the President of the Association as chairman, and Mr. Coolidge as secretary.

The subjects which are in general set forth in the table of contents of this volume were assigned for investigation and report to various sub-committees. At a second meeting of the committee, these sub-committees reported ; and Dr. Crooker was appointed to collate and edit these statements, and to write a preliminary report to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1902. This preliminary report was duly prepared and presented, and is to be found printed on pages 36-42 of the Annual Report of the American Unitarian Association for 1901-02. Dr. Crooker was then commissioned to amplify this report for publication in book form, and this volume is the result of his labor. The individual members of the committee approved the preliminary report of which

this book is the amplification ; but they are not individually or collectively responsible for the conclusions of this book, which represent Dr. Crooker's own observation, experience, and judgment. To his task Dr. Crooker brings from his efficient service in different parts of the country, and especially in the college towns of Madison, Wis., and Ann Arbor, Mich., a large acquaintance with academic life, a sympathy with the problems and needs of American college students, and a conviction of the value of democratic principles. His habit of careful investigation and verification, and his power of clear statement, combine with this experience to entitle him to an expert judgment upon the subjects treated in these chapters. The book is timely and significant, and its facts and conclusions are commended to the consideration of all who are interested in the welfare of the American Commonwealth.

SAMUEL A. ELIOT.