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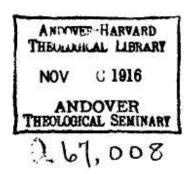
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PREFACE

This brief book has been prepared by direction of the Tercentenary Commission. It is especially designed to be of service in promoting study of the fundamental convictions around which Congregationalism centers. It is thus directly related to the first item of the proposed Tercentenary Program, a copy of which will be found in the Appendix.

Both in the preparation of the manuscript and its revision, several persons have had a share. It is hoped that the composite view of Congregational history and principles thus secured may be more widely representative than could otherwise be the case.

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The illustrations have been grouped in a single section of the book for mechanical reasons. It is hoped that they may aid the memory to carry the names and services of Congregational leaders of the past.

The paragraph titles and the questions at the close of each chapter indicate the hope of the Commission that the book may be widely used for consecutive study by Bible Classes, Endeavor Societies and other organizations.

It is also hoped that this brief account of three hundred years of Congregationalism and of its witness to great truths and enduring principles may lead to wider reading along the same lines. A short bibliography will be found in the Appendix.

The Commission takes this renewed opportunity of urging wide and earnest cooperation in making the years between the present and 1920 a period of unprecedented achievement in the building up of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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