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IN 1908, when Dr. Miller was persuaded to prepare these practical comments for the volumes of this series, he asked me to share his editorial duties in order that he might have time for the new work. Side by side we worked for four years, during which he completed seven volumes of the eight. He was busy on the last volume when he realized that God would soon take him from earth. Then the request was made that I complete the volume for him.

It will not be necessary to tell readers that the messages are all from Dr. Miller's pen. My only task has been the choice of material and the adjustment of the chapters. JOHN T. FARIS.

Philadelphia, January, 1913.

