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TO  
THE PREACHERS  
I HAVE KNOWN  
WHOSE BREAD I HAVE EATEN,  
WHOSE TROUBLES I HAVE SHARED,  
WHOSE SUCCESSES I HAVE REJOICED IN,  
WHOSE STORIES I HAVE LAUGHED AT,  
WHOSE PEOPLE I HAVE PREACHED TO,  
WHOSE HEROISM HAS SHAMED ME,  
WHOSE FAITH HAS INSPIRED ME;  
THE ROYAL BROTHERHOOD OF NEW YORK  
PREACHERS  
FELLOWLABORERS WHOSE NAMES ARE  
WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

*W. D. Humphreys, 12, 19, '40*



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## FOREWORD

### WHY?

A man must plead extenuating circumstances now-a-days for the crime of writing a book. If he can allege more than one reason in his defense he ought to escape with a comparatively light sentence.

I have three motives for submitting this volume of stories to that portion of the reading public which would naturally be interested in the type of subject and treatment here employed.

My first reason is the desire to provide pure entertainment. A wholesome laugh which springs from clean and untainted humor is a spiritual tonic. And a tonic is not without real value.

In the second place, there are some truths which can be emphasized and clinched in people's thought, and some errors of thought and action which can be touched upon, through the medium of humor, which would receive scant notice if presented in essay or sermon. And there are some people who will listen to a little theology if it is dressed

in work-a-day clothes (with perchance a hole or a patch for the sake of realism) instead of in a Prince Albert and white tie.

In my work as Superintendent of state missions for the Baptists of New York, I stumbled quite by accident, or at least without serious design, upon the expedient of using the "Dooley" style for calling attention to one or two matters of current interest in the work. And inasmuch as there was no one else ploughing this same ground, as far as religious thought and work are concerned, quite a large company of friends have insisted that here was a field for cultivation which would yield a good spiritual harvest. I have therefore hoped that I could render a real ministry in such a book as this and at the same time make the book a souvenir of my happy connection with the state work.

My official connection accounts for several references in the book and especially for the last chapter on "The Order of Ex," read at a banquet in connection with the meetings at which I severed my official relations with the Convention. But many of the problems touched upon are common to all churches with congregational forms of government and most of them to all Protestant bodies.

God bless "Hogan and Hogan."