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PREFATORY NOTE.

AT a meeting of the GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, in Leicester, November 27th, 1887, it was voted unanimously that the church celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its formation, on Friday, the 28th day of September, 1888; that the pastor be invited to deliver a historical discourse on that occasion; that the Green family, descendants of the Rev. Thomas Green, M. D., who was the first pastor of the church, be invited to join in the commemorative services; and that H. C. Estes, Daniel F. Draper, Franklin B. King, John D. Clark, Rufus H. Newton, John R. Nichols, George F. Campbell, Emory B. F. Draper, and Frederick A. Blake, be a Committee of Arrangements, to carry out the wishes of the church in the proposed celebration.

In accordance with this action, commemorative exercises were held in the forenoon and afternoon of the appointed day; with a goodly attendance on the part of the church and the descendants of Dr. Green; members of the family being present from Worcester, Providence, New York, St. Louis, and other places.

Much interest was added to the occasion by the unveiling of a very beautiful brass tablet, which had been placed on the wall at the right of the pulpit, in memory of Dr. Green, a view of which is given in the frontispiece.

Near the close of the exercises, on motion of the Hon. Andrew H. Green, a copy of the historical discourse was requested for publication. At a later time, in accordance with a general desire, the Committee of Arrangements

requested all the addresses delivered on the occasion for publication with it, and, with a single exception, they have been furnished, and are here given a wider hearing.

The sermon preached by the pastor on the following Sunday, has also been added in an appendix, as in keeping with the proceedings, and a completion of their retrospect.

In consequence of the length of the historical discourse, only portions of it were read on the occasion of its delivery, but the whole is now printed with some facts discovered since the commemoration day, inserted in their places.

Much care and painstaking have been given to the verification of references; and they are here presented *ad verbum et ad literam*, in order that the reader may be placed as near as possible to the original documents. Numerous foot-notes have been added to the historical discourse, sometimes to show the authority on which statements have been made, sometimes to give further information on certain points than is given in the text, and sometimes to indicate sources of still ampler information.