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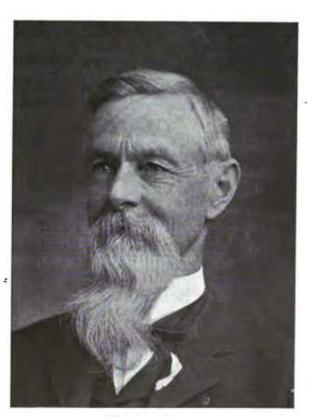
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#### FOREWORD

Friends have requested a number of items connected with the early history of the Disciples in Texas and with AddRan College and its founders. Soon after brother's death a number called for his biography, which would have been written by one more competent, but, for kindly considerations, the task was left for me; that is why it was never done. I thought to furnish a series of sketches that would partially answer all these demands. I decided that a few months would give sufficient time in which to compile material that would furnish some future historian, who had more time and means than I have, the data for a more exacting history; but the months passed into years and the work not done.

I find that the man who preaches eight sermons a month, answers frequent long distance calls to funerals, weddings, school addresses, and reunion occasions, and adds to this list one or two protracted meetings in the summer, and, with all, has acquired the orchard, garden and chore-boy habit, has little time for writing books. The preacher cannot afford to go before his audience with warmed over sermons, that he prepared long ago when he knew everything. The shepherd must not lead his flock to stagnant waters. He may have a mind well stored with knowledge, but he will have to study to know how to apply to the present world conditions what he has learned. And he will be surprised to find out how imperfectly he has learned things he thought he knew well. Instead of writing of the past he needs

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every moment of his time to study his Bible anew, and to read the productions of the greatest thinkers of the present that he may keep his people from going warmad—that he may preserve the patriotism of the Kingdom of Heaven. From these demands I have taken a moment now and then and penciled these sketches. I send them forth hoping they may give some moments of pleasure to the remnant of the old AddRan family and that some student of today may be helped to learn that the joy and success of life is service. This is my apology for this very imperfect production.

"Mr. Randolph."

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