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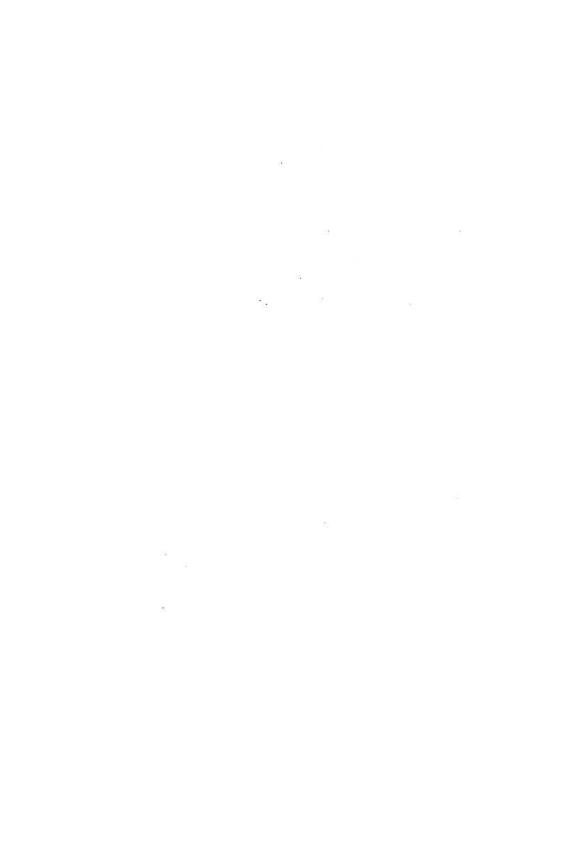
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Preface

This memoir of my father was prepared by the late Dr. Henry Barnard in 1888, and was intended by him to appear in what was to be the final number of his great American Journal of Education. It was, in fact, printed, as pages 403 to 414 of that number, and the present edition is a reprint of advance sheets kindly furnished to me, with a few manuscript corrections, by the author. So long as there was the slightest hope of completing the final volume of his Journal, Dr. Barnard preferred that this memoir should not appear in separate form. His death, on July 5, 1900, has removed the last reason for hesitation or delay, and the memoir is now offered to the friends of my father, exactly as it was written.

Those who know the numerous writings of Dr. Barnard—in many respects the foremost American educator of the nineteenth century—are aware of the fact that he was not given to groundless eulogy or perfunctory commendation. In consequence, this most generous and affectionate tribute has an interest which may perhaps appeal to a wider circle than those who knew my father personally. It is, at all events, a noble and enduring memorial to the sincere friendship between two men, who, differing widely in most respects, were united in their self-sacrificing devotion to the same lofty ideals.

FREDERICK W. Holls.

Algonak, Yonkers, New York, February 26, 1901.