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To my Beloved Comrade
IN STUDY, RECREATION, AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE,
LEIPZIG, 1876-1878,
PROFESSOR CASPAR RENÉ GREGORY, Ph.D.,
THIS SLIGHT TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY
OF OUR BELOVED TEACHER
IS DEDICATED
AS WE CLASP HANDS ONCE MORE
OVER HIS GRAVE.

PREFACE.



THIS Memorial was undertaken at the suggestion of my friend, Professor Caspar René Gregory of the University of Leipzig. It is not designed, however, in any way to forestall a large work which is promised in German. As several years may elapse before that work can appear, it is hoped meanwhile that this little volume may be welcomed by those who knew and loved Professor Delitzsch.

It lays no claim to completeness, although it is based on an intimate acquaintance with him which began in 1873; on a careful examination of original documents, not previously brought to light; and on personal interviews with those who were acquainted with Professor Delitzsch and his mother for years, one of whom was an old schoolmate at the Nicolai Gymnasium.

While it does not contain his correspondence, and many details which would be so interesting to former pupils, it may perhaps present some pictures which may be helpful in giving at least a faint conception

of the noble personality which we associate with the name Franz Delitzsch.

If all our theologians could be animated with his spirit, debatable questions in theology would be discussed without bitterness, and childlike faith would be combined with scientific research.

No effort has been made to suppress anything concerning his early difficulties and struggles. The whole story is told so far as it is known to me. I can only believe that the more his life is studied the greater must be our admiration for his industry, his learning, his self-denying labours, and for his warm devotion to the cause of Christ.

SAMUEL IVES CURTISS.

CHICAGO, *February* 1891.