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DEDICATION.

TO THE MANY THOUSANDS OF MY FATHER'S BELOVED FRIENDS
THROUGHOUT THIS UNION, FROM THE LITTLE ONES IN
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS TO THE VENERABLE SAINTS OF FOURSCORE YEARS, WHO HAVE OFTEN LISTENED WITH
PLEASURE TO THE STIRRING APPEALS FROM
THE VOICE THAT IS NOW SILENT, AND WHO,
BY THEIR KIND WORDS OF CHEER AND
GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
GREAT CAUSE TO WHICH HE
DEVOTED HIS LIFE,
MADE THE OLD MISSIONARY'S HEART REJOICE,
AND HIS LIFE ONE OF TRIUMPH,

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INTRODUCTION.

Any well-written biography of a good person inspires the living to fill their lives with good deeds. If, as Carlyle says, "the history of what man has accomplished in this world is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here," then this little book is no unimportant contribution to the history of the American people in the South; for those who occupy high public offices are not the only great men of a nation. "Given a great soul open to the divine significance of life," and you will have a person fit to speak and to do great things. In a high or a humble sphere

such a soul will become, nay is, one of the world's great men.

Hence every true reform and every important movement develops great souls. They are the world's heroes; recognized in their period and place, and justly honored for their achievements. To this noble army of confessors and great men John McCullagh belonged. Good biographies of such men are among the most instructive and valuable works in Christian literature. A better class of books for Sunday-school libraries and for the home is not to be found.

This unpretending yet admirable sketch of the "Sunday-school Man of the South" will be read with avidity by thousands who have been stirred by his eloquent appeals, and by thousands of others who have been blessed by his indefatigable labors. The consecrated Scotch lad, upon whose head the beloved Thomas Chalmers kindly laid his hand, accompanying it with thoughtful counsel, was ever after inspired with a good measure of the same fiery zeal that filled the heart of the greatest of modern Scotch preachers. Scotch perseverance, animated by such zeal, enabled McCullagh to sweep everything before him.

It is a difficult task to write a just and interesting biography; but this delicate work has been performed with rare discrimination, excellent taste and graphic conciseness by the son, the Rev. Joseph H. McCullagh, now gracefully wearing the mantle and vigorously carrying forward the work dear to his father's heart. The fragrance of such a consecrated life as John McCullagh's is sweet: it deserves to be held in remembrance, as it long will be, south and north, and may cheer many a discouraged

soul, by the help of God, to do a heroic work for the Master, in the face of adverse fortune, and in a strange land.

EDWIN W. RICE.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10, 1889.