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WITH THE REMEMBRANCE THAT THROUGH MUCH OF THE  
TIME DURING WHICH THEY SPROUTED, OR FELL FROM  
THE TREE, HE HAS BEEN THE SAME UNCHANGING  
FRIEND TO WHOSE SYMPATHY AND SENSE I OWE  
MORE THAN I CAN SAY OF THAT CHRISTIAN  
FELLOWSHIP WHICH ONE MAN HAS WITH  
ANOTHER WHOM HE LOVES  
AND TRUSTS.

H. J.

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## P R E F A C E

THOUGH I am asked to pen a preface to this little volume, I do so with a feeling that nothing seems likely to come of it beyond a remark that, having committed myself to an utterance which is unavoidably personal, I might have drawn upon early and college memories.

But since I purposed to say a word about such as were mainly of a clerical nature, these would have been out of place, and tempted me to write at greater length.

And thus, as the air of publication has grown thick with reminiscences of many sorts, I can submit these to the severity of critics with the reflection that, at any rate, they are not initially deterrent by reason of their bulkiness, whatever fault may be found with what I have ventured to set down in the following pages, now laid before my friends and such of the reading public as may care to glance at some written experiences and thoughts of a private in the ranks of town and country parsons.

I might add that, being a minister of the English Church, which holds together good men of many minds, I have been moved with a desire to recognise its tolerance, and with a feeling that eyes to see fairly those facts which concern all are more needed than views, however honestly taken, of the different sides which they present.