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PREFACE.

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THE articles in this little work were first published in the columns of *The Presbyterian*, and in that form they found their way into the hands of many and widely-separated ministers and others. They seem to have met a want, for the author has received letters from North, South, East and West urging that they be collected into a small volume which could be conveniently distributed in churches. With the consent of *The Presbyterian*, he has complied with that request, and now sends them out anew to the people of the churches.

The special objects contemplated in their

preparation were to awaken attention to certain duties of the people to their pastors which are too much overlooked; to suggest remedies for many evils prevailing in our church-life at the present time; to say to the churches some things which it is embarrassing for the pastor to say for himself; to help in making the pastoral relation more efficient in the important field of usefulness it occupies; and to put all in a form so brief and inexpensive that it may reach the body of church-members. This aim will not be attained unless there is a notice of matters much more minute than ordinarily find their way into writings on Christian work. On subjects so vastly important as these, whatever may have been learned by much experience or from observation should be earnestly pressed home upon the hearts of all who love the cause of Christ and souls. In carrying out

the purpose before the author's mind it has not come in his way, in any instance, to touch on points which separate the various denominations, and, consequently, in the whole unpretending volume there is no word which is not equally applicable to all. If anything has been written the tendency of which is to correct evils that have crept into our church-work and render the relations of people and pastor more happy and more efficient in the accomplishment of that for which such relations were ordained, then the ever-present desire of the author has been fulfilled.

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