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This little volume is dedicated and inscribed in affectionate honor to my beloved people of the South Congregational Church and Parish, Brooklyn, whose unswerving fellowship has been my joy and song during all the six and thirty years of my ministry among them, and in whose faith and patience and wonderful unity of kindness I have seemed to find both clear warrant and noble witness for that view of the Christian Pastorate which, in tribute to them, is here lovingly, though imperfectly, outlined.

October 24, 1909.



PREFATORY NOTE

President's House,
Bangor Theological Seminary,
BANGOR, MAINE.

My dear Dr. Lyman:

Dr. George Shepard, Professor of Homiletics in Bangor Theological Seminary from 1836 to 1868, was one of the great preachers of his time, declining invitations to pulpits in Boston and New York in order to do his loved work of teaching.

Your lectures were the "George Shepard" Lectures on Preaching and Pastoral Service, named in his honor. You were the fifth incumbent of the lectureship, following Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, Dr. Amory H. Bradford, Professor Hugh Black, D. D., and Professor Edward C. Moore, D. D. These lectures came in "Convocation Week," February 1-5, 1909, and your associated lecturers on other Foundations for the year were Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, of *The Outlook*, New York, and Professor

Harlan P. Beach, D. D., of Yale University. You and your associates spoke day after day to a great company of Students, Ministers, Teachers, and citizens of Eastern Maine, who, with the most eager and responsive enthusiasm listened to the noble and inspiring addresses.

Your lectures, in addition to their high general excellence, were enhanced in value because you had previously visited our students at Bangor, and had privately conferred with them about their felt personal needs, so that the laboratory or inductive method might be adopted throughout,

The effect of the lectures was moving and profound. It will remain with your auditors all their lives. It will distinctly mark for good many pastorates.

Our Faculty rejoices to learn that you are to give these lectures a wider circulation through the printed page. Nothing is more needed in our time than a renewal of power in the pastorate. If you shall be willing to retain the direct and personal phrasing of the lectures, they will be, I am sure, all the more effective because of their more intimate appeal thereby.

Let me afresh thank you for your work in

the name of our Faculty and Students. Permit me to remain, my dear Doctor Lyman, Ever gratefully and affectionately yours, DAVID N. BEACH.

October 23, 1909.