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CYRUS HAMLIN, STUDENT, 1834

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"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy labored employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."



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FOREWORD

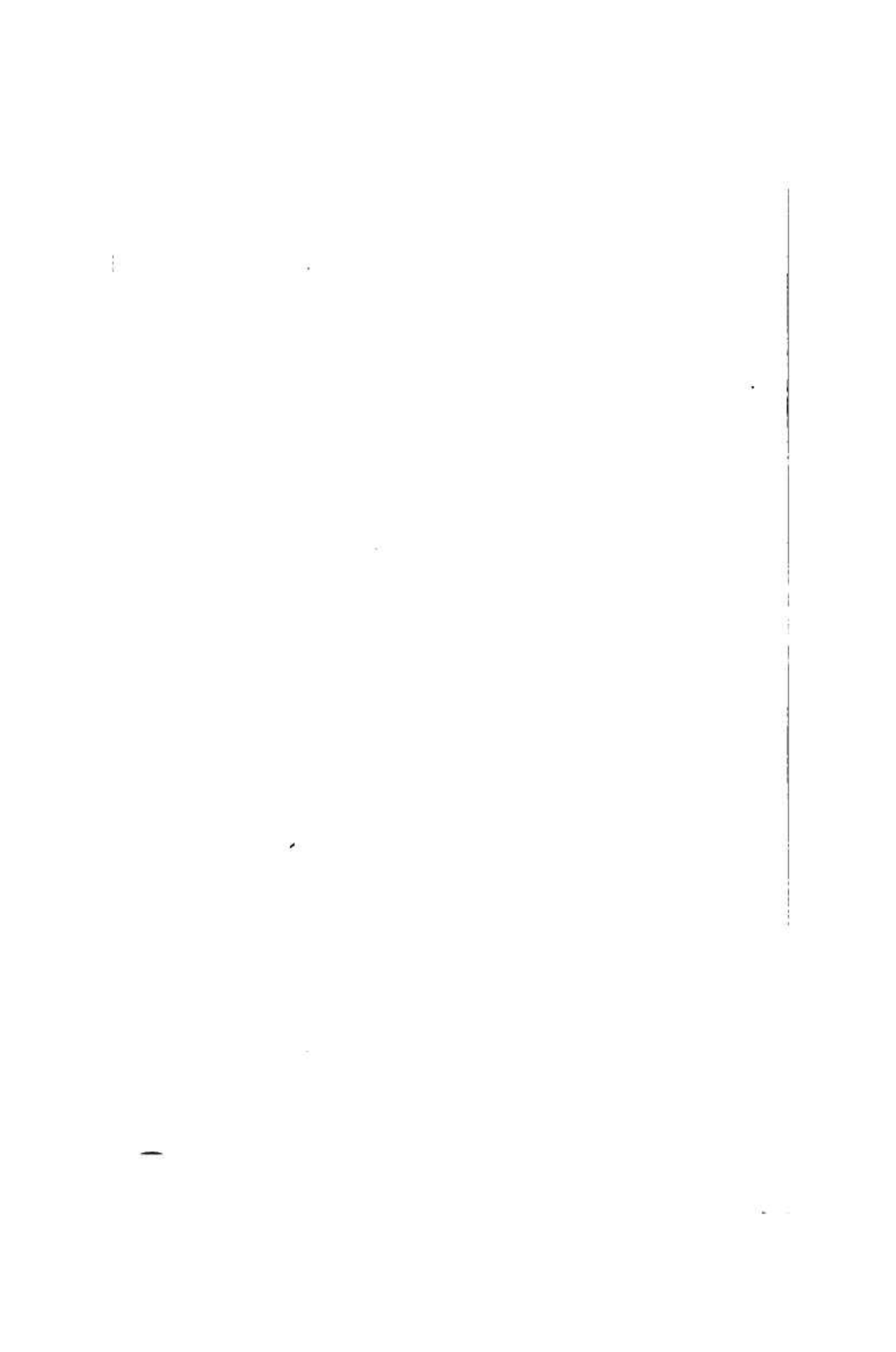


The preparation of this little book has been undertaken as a tribute of filial love to a dear parent, and as an expression of the grateful regard in which Dr. Hamlin's family hold the devoted friendship of the hundreds of friends who contributed so greatly to the happiness of Dr. Hamlin's life and to the sweetening of his hours of trial and sorrow. No man ever tasted the joys of friendship more abundantly and fully than he, and next to his sublime Christian faith there was in his life no deeper source of felicity than the affection of his family and of his wide and yet choice circle of friends. To all of these—to all who loved him in life, and who, now that he has departed from us for a season, cherish his memory as a blessed inspiration, this little record of his life and death and of the words spoken by his friends, is gratefully dedicated.

The compiler of this brief record, through a son, has preferred to write in an impersonal style, as a chronicler from the outside, rather than to obtrude his own personality, feeling and emotions upon the reader's attention. At the same time, writing for friends only and not for the general public, he has included some details and extracts from letters which would perhaps have been omitted from a biography intended for the public. He begs to express his grateful obligations to those friends whose liberal subscriptions made possible the publication of this memorial.

A. D. F. HAMLIN.

Columbia University, June, 1903.



CYRUS HAMLIN D.D. L.L.D.

A Christian hero, a missionary, educator and statesman, passed away from earth when Cyrus Hamlin was called to his great reward on the night of August 8, 1900. His death, coming to him as "in the harness," with no prolonged sickness, with no break-down or clouding of the intellect, brought to a beautiful and fitting close a career remarkable in its achievements and its environment. With the exception of Elias Riggs, who died not long after, Dr. Hamlin was at the time of his death the last of that company of pioneer missionaries of the American Board who, in the first half of the last century, laid in the Sandwich Islands, in India, China and Turkey, the foundations of the splendid work of Christian civilization and enlightenment which has crowned with such glory the missionary enterprises of American Christians, and done so much to break down old superstitions and lift up degraded humankind. Greater things may be in store for the future of missions, but nevermore work

like that wrought by these men. The railway, the steamship and the electric wire have brought the "ends of the earth" nearer together than the extremes of a single country were in their day; and it is hardly possible that any future career can surpass, if it can equal, the picturesque and romantic aspects of the lives and labors of these pioneers, and particularly of Cyrus Hamlin. Born in the days of Napoleon, he lived to see the days of McKinley: brought up in the days of the stage-coach and spinning-wheel, he witnessed the birth of wireless telegraphy. When he went to Constantinople in 1838-39, that city was still in the Middle Ages, and no man might pass the Sultan's palace on horseback or on wheels: when he died, Stamboul was but eleven days distant from New York, and one might ride into the capital in a luxurious drawing-room car. His career was as exceptional as the conditions under which it was run. As a missionary teacher, he introduced into mission work the conception of the value of secular education as an adjunct to evangelism; of English as the vehicle for such teaching; of manual training and industrial work as essential elements in the uplifting of degraded peoples and in the cultivation of independence and resource. He gave a mighty impulse to the intellectual awakening of the