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"The office is the highest in the world."—EMERSON.

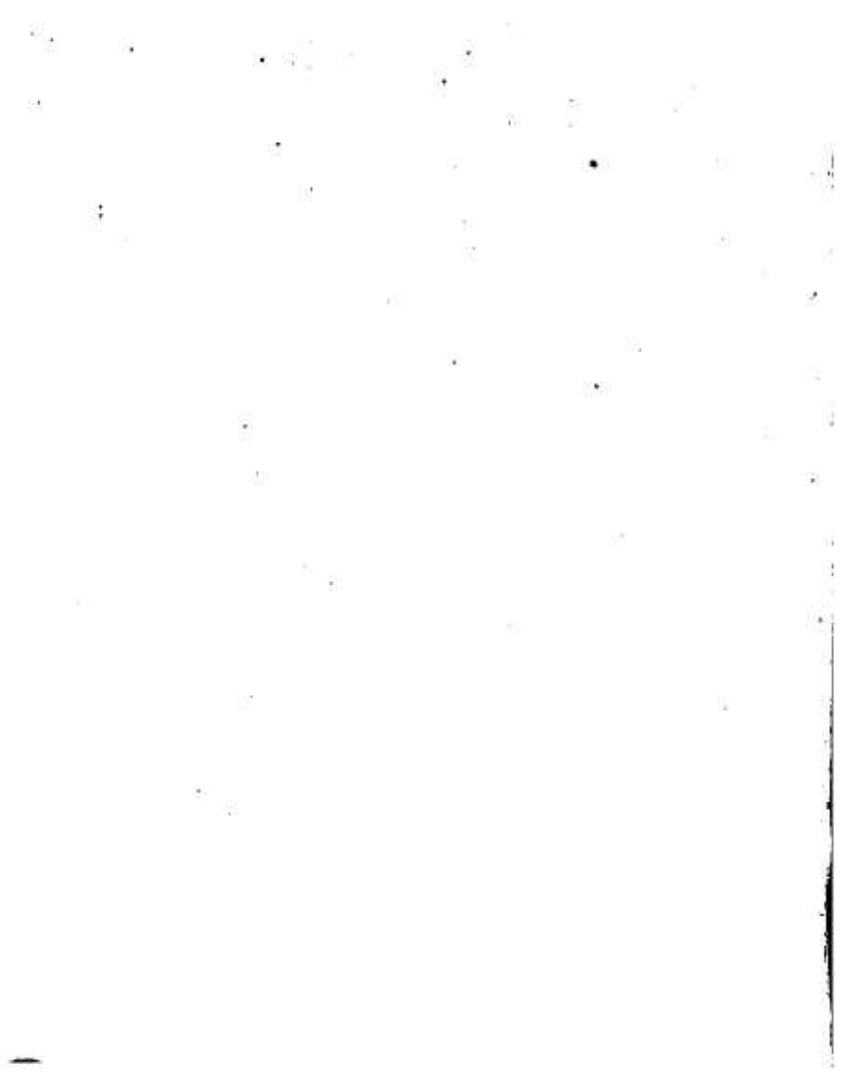
"While swings the sea, while mists the mountains shroud,
While thunder's surges burst on cliffs of cloud,
Still at the prophet's feet the nations sit."—LOWELL.

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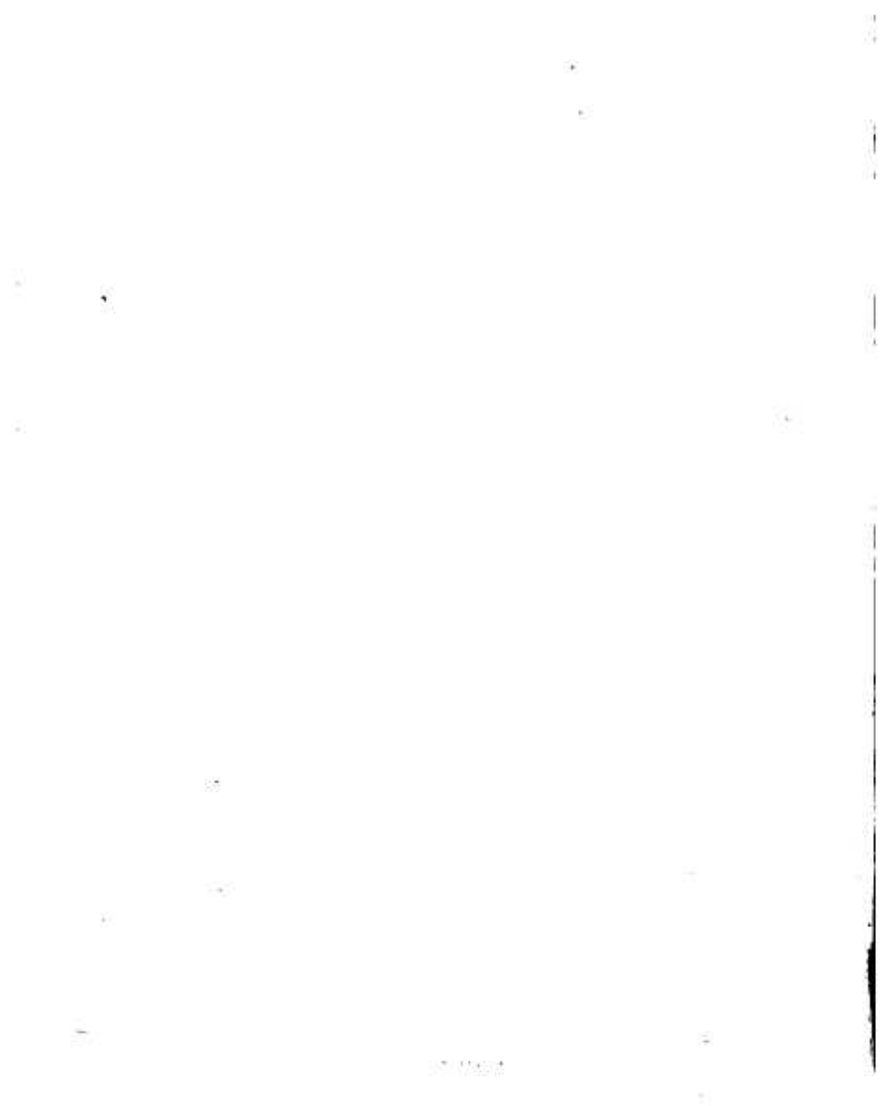
Men's religious needs were never so intense as now, and the minister who strives to meet them will not find that the pulpit has a loosening hold on the people.— A. P. PEABODY, D.D.

Never was there a greater call in all parts of this country for thoroughly equipped clergymen than now, and never was the position given to such clergymen more honorable and influential.— EX-PRESIDENT ANDREW D. WHITE.

The pulpit should be a mount of vision. The living soul utters oracles there.— O. B. FROTHINGHAM.

As to the Christian ministry to-day, in its better and freer forms, it is easy to see that it answers thoroughly the three fundamental conditions of an attractive and noble calling: (1) the line of promotion in it is open indefinitely; (2) it gives an American a great opportunity; and (3) it compels a man to enlarge his life from year to year, even from day to day. Indeed, I should say in addition to this that it seems to me there is no other calling open to a young man which combines in the preliminary studies by which one enters into its exercise, so much of all those lines of study, thought, and fore-look which are most interesting to young men of courage.— EDWARD EVERETT HALE, D.D.

Material well-being has wonderfully increased, but it was never plainer than it is at the present time that "man does not live by bread alone." The calling of the preacher is more difficult now than it ever was; but it is also loftier, and it ought to be more attractive.— PRESIDENT CHARLES W. ELIOT.



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ALL young men have to face the question of a calling in life. They are, of course, deeply desirous to choose wisely. They know that a large part of the failures that are to be met with in the world are due to mistaken selections of vocations. They know that the comfort, satisfaction, usefulness, success, of their own future, must depend largely upon whether or not they shall make right choices.

I wish in the following pages to call the attention of earnest, able, noble-minded young men to a calling which I believe is worthy of their careful attention,—a calling which, within a comparatively recent time, has risen into unwonted importance, attractiveness, and promise,—one which is not overcrowded, as most other callings are, while at the same time it offers to superior natures entering it possibilities of influence and noble usefulness in the world unsurpassed, if not unequalled, as I believe, by any other