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PREFACE.

The facts pertaining to the founding of any institution of learning are always of interest to those who live afterwards. The experiences through which the early laborers pass; their struggles and their triumphs are instructive and stimulating. What may seem unimportant and not out of the routine of our daily duty to-day, may be of intense interest, and also of profit to the generations that follow. This has always been the case in the founding and building up of the Colleges and Seminaries of our denomination.

In view of such considerations as these, it has been considered desirable to collect and record such facts concerning the early history of our beloved Richmond Theological Seminary, as it may be presumed will be of interest in the future to persons of all classes, whether in the North or in the South.

In the providence of God, the writer of this little volume has been permitted to continue in the work for the colored people from the close of the war to the present time. Twentyseven years of this period has been spent in Richmond, once the Capital of the Southern Confederacy. This volume contains more than a mere history of the growth of the school itself; it treats of matters that may seem to some irrelevant and not germane to the subject. Yet, considering the transition period which followed the close of the war, and the feelings engendered by the changed relations of the white and colored races, it is quite impossible to restrict our statements to the mere details of the growth of the school from year to year. That this little book may be instructive to some, incidents in which the writer took part at the close of the war are referred to. Facts of interest and statistics are given. None of these points can be elaborated in a volume of this kind, and they can be only hinted at. Exacting professional duties have