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REV. BENJAMIN F. HOSFORD.

"How pure at heart, and sound in head,—
With what divine affections bold,
Should be the man whose thought would hold
An hour's communion with the dead."

H. G. L.

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PREFACE.

IT is perhaps due to all concerned to say, that the single object of the writer has been, to present to Mr. Hosford's own intimate friends a picture of the man, the Christian, and the minister, just as they knew him, especially in his more retired walks. And, while he is well aware that a cold and severe taste might find in such a memorial of such a man matter for criticism, he will be satisfied if they who knew, and appreciated, and loved the man, do but see him reflected in the unstudied and unfettered freedom of his own quiet and beautiful daily life. It has often been by no means easy to decide just what selection, from the mass of materials at hand, would best aid in furnishing this portrait, and it is more than probable that in respect to this there have been some errors in judgment. It is proper to add, that the poetic extracts, so freely introduced, are known to have been, to a great extent, specially dear to Mr. Hosford, and have been introduced mainly because they are so

tenderly associated with him in the minds of his most intimate friends, and now so touchingly expressive of their recollections of some trait in his character, some phase in his experience, or some scene in his life or death.

With many thanks to those — especially to *one* most deeply and tenderly interested — who have aided and cheered him in his labor, the Editor, in laying down his pen, can only say, that, both for the dear departed brother's sake, and for his Master's sake, he would most gladly, were he able, lay upon his tomb a more worthy garland.

. . . . "Manibus date lilia plenis,
Purpureos spargam flores
. et fungar inani
Munere."

L. T.

WEST AMHERST, March 24, 1866.

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