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PREFACE.

THESE brief sermons grew out of the necessities found in the author's own parish. While yet a student of theology we found that very few of the great body of young people regularly attended the services of the Church; parents might be found regularly in their places, but the children of the household were seldom, and some of them were never seen in the family pew. It was to correct these evils that these sermons were prepared and at first preached at irregular intervals.

When called, in 1888, to the pastorate of the Second English Lutheran Church, of Baltimore, we found a depleted congregation, while at the same time the Sunday-school was one of the largest and most flourishing in the city. It was then for the first time that we introduced regularly the preaching of Five-Minute Object Sermons before the accustomed sermon on Sunday morning. In a very brief period, about onefourth of the infant department and two-thirds of the main department of the school were in regular attendance upon the Sunday morning service, and, even after this particular form of address had been discontinued, the teachers and scholars continued regularly to come direct from the morning session of the school to the services of the church.