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PREFACE

Mr. Camp was already a very old man when he began to put together on paper the reminiscences which are collected in this little volume. His strength failed before his undertaking was completed. Of some portions of his life there are parallel accounts in his manuscript. Some prominent topics are left quite unmentioned.

In the preparation of these memoirs for publication brief statements on the subjects which are omitted from his own account have been inserted in bracketed paragraphs. It is the desire of his grandchildren to add here a brief mention of some of the distinctive impressions which his life has made on them.

As small children they found him warm-hearted, generous to their faults, interested in their thoughts and wishes, skillful at tempting them into interest in serious pursuits, courteous to every one including themselves, an unflinching example of industry and sagacity and of religious devotion and reverence. In later years they found the same characteristics continued. It was typical that each time as they returned for college vacations he would question them as if they were his equals and as if the details of their affairs were matters of large importance.

Having received the beginnings of his education and religious training with a much earlier generation, he had kept through his life the habits of reading and of observation of people which are indicated in his own account of his youth. The result was an unusual progressiveness of spirit, openmindedness for new points of view, and generosity for the opinions of those who differed from him. In him these traits proved to be thoroughly consistent with clear convictions and ideals, and with unswerving loyalty to them. Paragraphs from Mr. Camp's own pen, in the pages that follow, give evidence of a deep religious experience. It is for us to record the fact that long years of active living realized the religion of aspiration with singular completeness.

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