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In response to a request which comes to me from a Toronto friend, and in the midst of all the demands upon me arising from a series of special services in the church of which I am pastor, I sit down to write a brief sketch of President Strong. And so it results that a work which I should like to do leisurely, and with much care and discrimination, must be done hurriedly. Accordingly I take my pen with the uncomfortable conviction that I shall do no sort of justice to the subject of this article. Another difficulty also confronts me. Doctor Strong is still with us, and is in the very prime of his noble strength and of his commanding influence. Moreover my relation to him as his pastor and in other ways, is intimate; I meet him almost daily. Through eleven years of constant intercourse I have learned to know him, to appreciate him. Doubtless this constitutes my fitness to be the writer of this sketch. But any reader can see, in addition, that my task is a delicate one. I must not say all that I know and feel. If I did, Dr. Strong would be the last to forgive me. Where, then, shall I draw the line? Truth must be told, yet becoming moderation must be preserved. In short, this sketch will only be a bald outline: it will not be, in even a small degree, an appreciation.

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