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*To the First Church, Oberlin.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your kind request that this history might be placed in your hands for publication, I am happy to comply with. Some of the reasons for writing the history of this church at all, are—

1. It has a history.
2. While several, excellent historical sketches of Oberlin College have been published, no history of the church, as such, has been attempted.

3. The early relation of this church to the other churches of Northern Ohio, and to the Congregational body at large, has, in some quarters, not been well understood.

In preparing these pages, no pains have been spared to verify each statement by comparison of the testimonies of living witnesses, as well as by an examination of whatever books and documents could be found bearing upon the theme.

It may be felt by some that certain questions of deep interest have been passed over, and that others have received only a notice quite below their real importance. This is conceded and regretted. But a little reflection will show that the fact is not without reasons. Thus the Doctrine of Sanctification, which has occupied so large a place in this church, could not have been adequately reviewed and set forth without swelling this pamphlet to a volume. Substantially the same may be said of the subject of revivals. It was found that, to give this topic a treatment corresponding to its importance, and one which would be of any practical value, would require quite a pamphlet of itself. These and other themes, therefore, have received, not a special, but only a general historical notice.

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