

INTRODUCTION

The subject of the Memoir which follows, the author of the various papers contained in this little volume, was so well known to me, and so highly regarded by me, that I readily consented to write these few words of introduction.

Ebert Murphy was a young man widely known in the Church of which I have now been minister for several years, and throughout the city. He was everywhere esteemed as a youth of pious disposition, deeply concerned about religious things; one of the most devoted and active young people of the Church, and one who in the Y.M.C.A. and in other religious institutions took a leading part.

Not only had he the spiritual inclinations which we have noted, but an intellectual equipment of a high order. He was a careful, thoughtful reader of books, and a keen observer of men and things. Though from the close of his school days he was employed in occupations which demanded a full day's labour, he always contrived to find time for the improvement of his mind, and his friends were often surprised at the accuracy of his knowledge even of out-of-the-way things. He read serious books. On one of the last occasions I talked with him he had just completed Darwin's great book on "The Origin of Species," and was most enthusiastic about it.