

PREFACE.

[N setting forth a second edition of my biographical sketch of the renowned Canadian evangelist, Mr. Robert Kidd, some prefatory remarks will be *en regle*. This brochure is at the present time published pretty much as it came from my pen in 1906, but it has been revised, emendated and by this preface augmented.

It is all very well to say Mr. Kidd was this or that. I can aver, as Hamlet said of Yorick, "I knew him well." Moreover, I was of his fellowship. Therefore I was in a position to write a sketch of his life.

I desire, here and now, to say something of Mr. Kidd's traits and parts. He possessed great powers of imagination and flow of language. It was as an inspirational speaker, without previous preparation, that he was almost *sans peer*. He could speak extemporaneously with eloquence, fire, fluency, power, passion and persuasion on any religious theme.

Mr. Kidd had literary talents of a high order, as bear witness *The Parchment*, his poem *To the Deity* and other of his writings, *quorum parva pars fui*. He likewise displayed unusual business ability, and was prudent in matters; but since he took up spiritual work his heart was not in buying and selling. Hence forward the merchant's mart for him could boast of few attractions. Since his conversion he has cared little for the pleasures and perishing lustre of the world.