

PREFACE.

MINE has been such a busy life that I have had no time for what are called literary pursuits. My sermons and speeches have been thought out, as I best could, but they have not been written. Hundreds of them have been reported, and published in newspapers and in other ways; and from these I have selected the contents of this volume. Many of my friends have expressed the wish that I would publish something that they could read when my voice shall no longer be heard; and I have yielded to their request. May the printed words be more useful than they were when they were spoken!

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