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PREFACE.

It appears to me that Bishop Potter was the greatest citizen of this country. I write this deliberately, because, having been an observer of men and events during a part of the nineteenth century, as well as the early years of the twentieth, I have racked my brain in vain to discover any one so many-sided and able to touch the people in so many ways.

As he was for several years President of C. A. I. L., and I was Secretary, it was my great privilege to come near to him concerning matters relating to the betterment of all sorts and conditions of men.

In August, 1908, when, under the shadow of sorrow caused by his loss to the Church and social reform, the idea flashed in my mind to use material which I had at hand, or could obtain, with the hope that I might be able, in this way, to give out an impression of this great citizen. This work was begun in Octo-