

P R E F A C E .

THE quarryman, who has made excavations in the rocks for architectural materials, sometimes looks over the fragments which have been thrown aside, and finds blocks that seem to him worth preserving. Thus have I been doing with the literary debris, which has been quarried and wrought on special occasions, and afterwards thrown aside. With some new dressing, I have ventured to hope that a part of them are worth preserving, and this volume is the result. A brief history of the several articles is subjoined.

The first article, entitled *The highest Use of Learning*, was my Inaugural Address when assuming the presidency of Amherst College, April, 1845.

The second, on *The Relations and Mutual Duties between the Philosopher and the Theologian*, was delivered as an Anniversary Address before the Porter Rhetorical Society, at the Andover Theological Semi-