

Lives of Church Leaders; or, Heroes of the Cross, as edited by Dr. Ferdinand Piper Professor of Theology in the University of Berlin. Now translated into English, and edited with added lives by American writers, by Henry Mitchell Maccracken. (1879) (F.M. Barton: New York) 1900

Martin Luther by Dr. Heubner, of Wittenberg

p. 272 He never boasted of divine inspirations; he drew from the Word of God alone. He did not count himself authorized to preach in places other than those to which he was expressly called. He was compelled almost against his will to write much; and what a treasure of Christian truth is laid up in his writings! Yet he wished that all his books might perish, if they were to lessen in any degree the reading of the Holy Scriptures. He judged that it was hardly according to the New Testament to write many books. The Apostles had written few, and before they wrote they had preached personally to the people, and had converted them. For his part, "if he had been able, in his whole life, with all his powers, to make one single person better, he was ready to thank God and let all his writings after that perish."