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*DELIVERED DURING THE WEEK OF A
VILLAGE MISSION*

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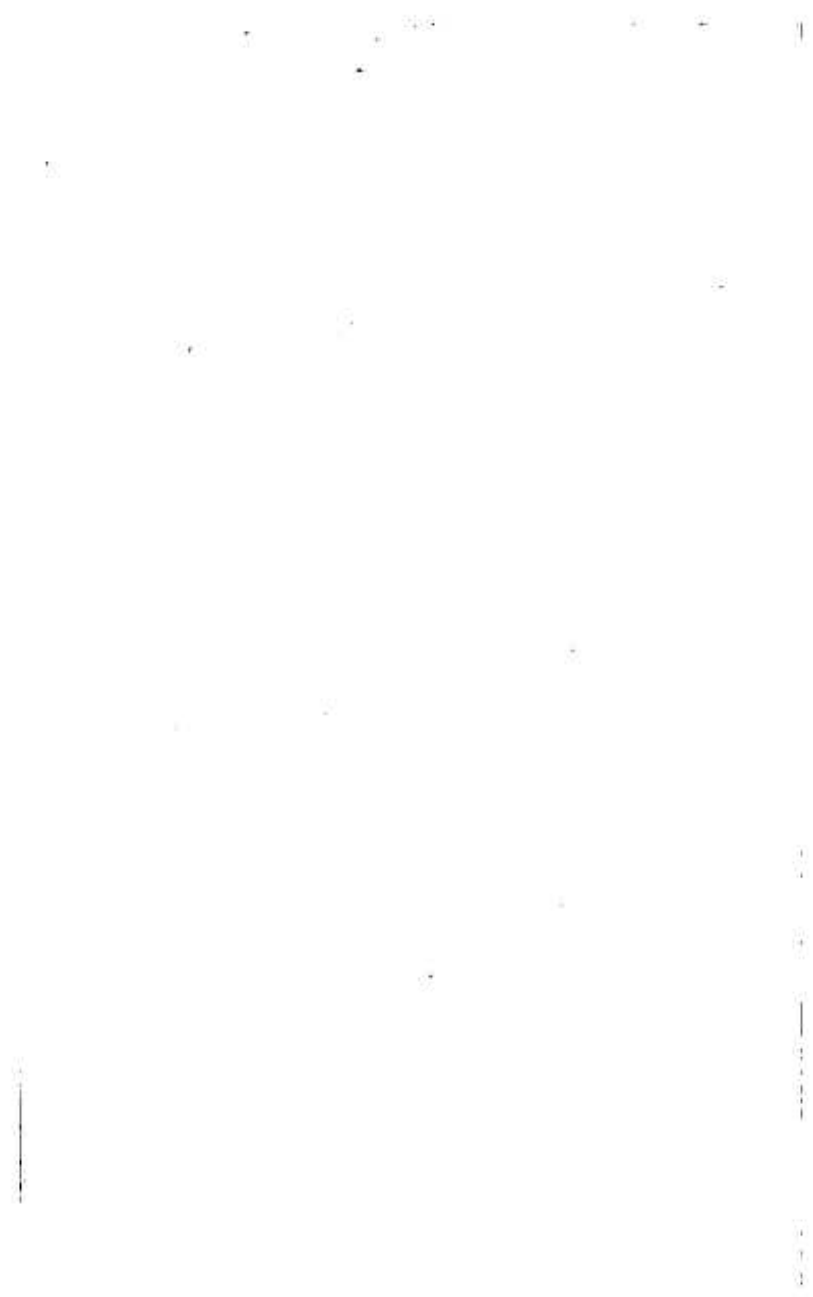


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CHRISTOPHER, LORD BISHOP OF LINCOLN
THIS HUMBLE ATTEMPT TO BRING HOME
SIMPLE TRUTHS
IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
AND INSCRIBED
BY ONE OF HIS CLERGY

PREFACE

THE following addresses were preached (in substance) during the week of a Mission, held in a manufacturing village by the parochial clergy. It has always seemed to me that more might be done in this way among the mass of the people, either by services held quite in their midst, or by special efforts of a missionary character, such as that now in view. It is not always feasible to engage the services of a regular missionary; but the spirit of prayer and earnestness which should surround a Mission, may still be obtained. There are some advantages too, in a Mission thus conducted. It is difficult to get people to believe that their clergy, whom they see often, and know to be kind and benevolent, but not given to excitement, are in reality thirsting for the good of their souls. It is good for the clergy too; for it makes them see how much elementary religious instruction is needed. It is hard to realize that people who

frequently attend church, are often ignorant of the simplest truths. A Mission week forces us to speak plainly and to the point, to venture back to the groundwork of religious faith and practice, in a way at other times difficult. The present addresses were preached *extempore*, and so preserved only in substance, the last being incomplete, as only notes can be recalled.

W. R. S.

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