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## FRONTISPIECE.



MRS. SARAH POWELL GIDDINGS AND HER CHILDREN.

ENOSHURG FALLS, VERMONT, 1874.

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## INTRODUCTION.

After many years of servitude and patient waiting on the Lord to bless my feeble efforts to serve him, obedient to his command I present my personal experience to the cold gaze of the critic. I realize the sacredness of home and the duty I owe unto my God who so wonderfully has watched over me during my pilgrimage here within this land of boasted morality and religion.

Trusting the Holy Spirit's blessing will rest upon this record of truth, that it may live forever and bring forth the fruits of the spirit to enlighten, encourage and strengthen the readers, that they may grasp the cross of Christ, however heavy, and press forward for the prize, a peace which the world cannot take away, a

rest that is only known to the people of God.

My object is not the exposure of any who have withstood me in my struggle for perfection, for the Lord made me see that his mercy extends unto all people, even unto those that deny his holy name. Luke 10:23, 24. By their works we are to know whether their lives are in tune with the gospel keynotes, Peace on earth, good will to men. Should a different spirit show itself on any page of this book, I trust the Lord will give the reader grace to know that it has crept in unawares and did not proceed from my heart nor from the Almighty whose goodness and mercy is shown in all his works, whose power and strength must be acknowledged by all nations, and will eventually bring all hidden things of darkness to light.

This record of truth proves that the strong arm of the Lord will sustain and strengthen his persecuted children who trust in him, as his faithful witnesses have testified in all ages. Luke 24:48. May the evidence given bring tidings of great joy to those that languish in solitude or are passing through fiery affliction with no hope of deliverance. The Lord is strong and powerful and will deliver and reward all that patiently wait his appointed time.

I calumniate no one, but simply relate the truth, when I disclose the skeleton within my own closet and reveal unto the world secrets hid for many years. Though they may fall among thorns or on stony soil, I trust that the Holy Spirit will bless the seed sowing

in this little volume.

That every reader of these pages may have light given to understand the truth according to the scriptures and inherit eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, is the prayer of the author,

### SARAH POWELL GIDDINGS.

"And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."—John 8:32.

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