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A Soldier of the United States and of our Lord and
Savior, Jesus Christ.

Containing a Sketch of the Author's Life and
His Religious Experience.

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO MY
BELOVED WIFE,

Ruth D. Cudling.

IN JESUS' NAME FOR THE GLORY
OF GOD. AMEN!

Preface.

The object of this little book is *not* to satisfy the *curious*, the *rhetorical*, or the *classical* eye; not at all. It might have been written in a more pleasing and readable manner if its object had been financial success or worldly renown; but, God be praised we believe that the same spirit who said, "God so loved the world," etc., St. John 3:16, has called its writer to a *nobler* aim, a *grander* purpose, a *purer* love: that of introducing *unsaved* and *unsanctified* souls by stepping stones of *love* and *light*, into the arms of a perfect and complete Savior; the Son of God manifested in the flesh.

May God place his seal upon it to this end is the prayer of the

WRITER.

IN JESUS' NAME.

The Author's Apology.

This little book was born during a prayer meeting held in the M. E. Church, Nevada, Iowa, June 28th, 1900, while the writer was kneeling in silent prayer. Briefly stated, it is as follows:

While others were praying, the writer was also talking to God mentally, when, all of a sudden, I beheld a book like an ordinary sized Bible, as it were, floating within my body, and at the same time received such anointing as to cause me to ask God to stay His hand that I might not disturb the meeting. This I recorded. I did not understand the vision until January 3d, 1902, while upon my bed, when God set my mind to rest concerning it. O glory to His most excellent name! Amen and Amen! The writer has but a limited education, but according to promise, "I will instruct thee," "He shall teach you all things," (which are for the glory of the Father) the writer finds to be true. Being shut in the house alone with God as my only teacher,

I write in pain and great bodily affliction for His glory, and the salvation of the souls of my beloved fellow beings. My attitude before God, is that of a typewriter to its operator. The machine is oiled with the love of Jesus. The type of God's word is in place, inked with the power of Him who doeth all things well; and manipulated by the Holy Spirit. He places one finger of Love upon this key, another finger of Truth upon that key, and another finger of Light on that other key, and a line is written, then a page, other pages; when He shall say regarding this book as He said regarding that book written in His atoning blood, "It is finished."

Beloved reader, realizing my earthly pilgrimage is almost run, that the sand in the hour-glass of time is almost exhausted, and, like Samson of old, desiring to slay more (sin) at my death than in my life, the writing of this book is undertaken, with a prayer upon almost every page, that you may have fitness to meet your humble servant in Paradise.

THE AUTHOR.