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Foreword

NO one who has not tested it for himself can know the enrichment of spending time in the early morning, before entering upon the day's work or even breaking one's fast, alone with God in prayer and in the devotional reading of His Word. This habit of keeping the Morning Watch, as it is called, is undoubtedly being used of God for the complete making over of many lives that have already been committed into the keeping of His Son.

In following this practice, it is well to precede the reading of the Bible, each morning, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit will plainly reveal to the reader the particular truth or message that He has for him in the Bible passage of that morning.

The writer had found in his own observance of the Morning Watch that the messages suggested for his personal needs were so rich and often unexpected that he noted them down for his own keeping and reference. It was in this way that most of the messages in this series came into being. They were not written primarily for

publication, but for personal use ; and they are often of very personal application.

The writer's practice has been simply to read until a needed message was received, without uniformity or system in the amount of Scripture material read each day. The purpose has been to refrain from any hard and fast method of division of material, in order that there might be entire freedom to receive the needed truth.

If any of these very personal jottings are suggestive to others in the daily fight, the writer will be grateful for the privilege of sharing his rations and ammunition in this way.

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AND God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis i. 1 to 3.

There is no birthday in any one's experience equal to that day when God says to him and for him, "Let there be light." For, while the elements had to obey God in His blessed fiat of light for them, we have the privilege of choice,—obedience or disobedience, when He offers His light to us. If we do not use and live by the life-giving light that God offers us, then the light that is in us is darkness; and how great is the darkness! (Matt. vi. 23).

The unspeakable blessing of light is one of the first things recorded in this first word of the Old Dispensation, and it is one of the first words of the New Covenant: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (see John i. 4, 5, 7-9). For me, if I will let God empower me to use the light that He has made for me, is the pledge that my pathway shall be "as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. iv. 18).

AND God divided the light from the darkness. Genesis i. 4.

That division of the light from the darkness