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PREFACE.

IN this compilation of Bible sentences, the translations of George R. Noyes, D. D., are adopted as the standard text, with only occasional changes in favor of the Common Version.

The writer has borrowed freely from "Christian Liturgy," by F. H. Hedge, D. D., "Book of Worship," by J. F. Clarke, D. D., "Common Prayer," by James Martineau, D. D.; while he has endeavored to incorporate something of the thought and spirit contained in "The Rod and Staff," and "Prayers," by Theodore Parker, availing himself of any "Scripture given by inspiration."

This little volume is sent forth in the hope that it may aid the devotion of earnest hearts, by leading them to the worship of the Father. May it be received in charity.

S. S. H.

QUINCY, ILL., Sept. 1, 1863.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

- I. INTRODUCTORY READINGS OR INVOCATION: By the Minister.
- II. ANTHEM OR CHANTED PSALM: By the Choir.
- III. RESPONSIVE SERVICE: By Minister and People.
- IV. CHANTING OR SINGING.
- V. PRAYER.
- VI. HYMN.
- VII. SERMON.
- VIII. HYMN OR CHANT.
- IX. INVOCATION OR BENEDICTION.

The Congregation will arise during the Singing or Chanting.

The Services may begin with the Responses, as indicated by the Third Part, the People rising.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

[To assist Missionaries in the formation of New Churches, the following Form is presented] :—

- I. THE NAME.
- II. THE COVENANT. We unite in this Church for the Study of Religion and the Practice of Christianity. We believe in God, and would do his will. We would bear each other's burdens, and thus fulfil the Law of Love.
- III. OFFICERS. Pastor, Trustees, Clerk, and Treasurer.
- IV. COMMITTEES. On Benevolent Action; Sunday Schools; Music; Social Life, and Missions.
- V. MEMBERSHIP. The Condition of Membership shall be Charity, and not belief; Discipleship, and not *sainthood*.
- VI. CHILDREN—Growing up in families of our churches, shall be treated as members thereof when confirmed.
- VII. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. This is permanent; but no one shall be bound against his Conscience, nor corrupt the body by immorality.
- VIII. THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH. This rests on the Sanctity of the Conscience of each Member as expressed through the Congregation.

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INTRODUCTIONS.

My soul, rest thou on God alone,
For from him cometh thy help !
He alone is my rock and my salvation :
He is my safeguard ; I shall not fall.
From God cometh my help and my glory ;
My strong rock, my refuge, is God.
Trust in him at all times, ye people !
Pour out your hearts before him !
God is our refuge ! — *Ps.* lxii. 5-8.

Thus saith the high and holy One
That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy :
I dwell in the high and holy place ;
With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit ;
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isa. lvii. 15.