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I BEGAN my ministry, my dear and reverend friend, as your assistant, in St. Luke's Church, Rochester, New York;—by your advice, I took charge of the little missionary station at Frankfort, where God of His goodness has poured down upon us the abundance of His blessing;—at your suggestion, this sequel to a former unpretending work has been prepared;—I can think of no one, therefore, to whom it can be with more propriety inscribed.

O BLESSED LORD! how much I need
Thy light to guide me on my way!
So many hands, that without heed,
Still touch Thy wounds, and make them bleed!

So many feet, that day by day,
Still wander from Thy fold astray!
Unless Thou fill me with Thy light,
I can not lead Thy flock aright:
Nor without Thy support, can bear
The burden of so great a care,
But am myself a castaway!

LONGFELLOW'S GOLDEN LEGS

PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH the author had given a conditional promise at the close of a former work, that a sequel might at some future time be written, he had little idea that his pen would be so soon employed upon the task. But so many encouraging words were spoken in reference to what he had ventured to publish, and so many hopes expressed that the other volume might not be long delayed, that he has yielded to the force of circumstances, and, as far as possible, complied with the wishes of his friends.

Should this volume meet with as kind a reception as its forerunner, and prove an instrument in God's hands, of aiding any one to render himself more useful to the Church, the writer's fondest anticipations will be fully realized.

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One of the most certain marks of a Divine call to the ministry is, when it is the full purpose of a man's heart to live for Jesus Christ and His church. They that recommend eternal possessions to others, ought to show by their lives that they are themselves verily persuaded of the vanity of all earthly pleasure, avoiding superfluities. Jesus Christ preached up the contempt of the world, by contemning it Himself.

BISHOP WILSON.

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