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## PREFACE.

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It must be conceded by every person who understands the true spirit and genius of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that its victories are to be won and its empire established by the influence of Love. It must also be admitted, by every candid and careful observer of human nature and of the Christian Church, that there is a fearful want of love among the professed disciples of the Saviour. The warm-hearted attachment, the burning desire to make men happy, the self-sacrificing labors for the good of man which so strikingly marked the life, the actions, and the spirit of the Master, are attributes of character for which we look almost in vain, as we survey the militant church. I would not be understood to say that they are entirely invisible, because there are some, yea many, disciples baptized deeply with the unction of Christ; and the elements of his holy character exist in some small degree in every Christian convert. But it is undeniably true of the masses, who compose our churches, that they do not *develop* either in their lives or spirits, the

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great gospel idea of *Love*: they do not force the conviction on a miserable world, that the church is ruled by a divine affection—by a holy mutual fondness which exists nowhere else. And it is not saying too much, to affirm that until such a conviction is forced upon the world, it will not be converted.

With these views I have been led to the composition of this little book. Earnestly hoping that it may be a seed of spiritual and eternal fruit, it is cast forth, seeking a soil congenial with its nature, by one of the unworthiest laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.





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