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PREFACE.

I have felt for many years that the Lord was calling me to give all my time to preaching His gospel, at all times, and wherever He should be pleased to send me; but as I had a large family to support, and was in debt, too, I did not see how they could live, or how I could pay my debts. I tried for several years to work and preach, and to do all the good I could. Nothing I could do seemed to prosper. I at last came to the conclusion that I must make a full surrender or sacrifice, for the Lord would not accept a half one.

The latter part of the year 1878, I felt willing to give up all and labor for the Lord, if he would take care of my family, and help me to get my debts paid. It was then that the thought was deeply impressed on my heart that if I would write a book, giving sketches of all the schools I had ever taught, and of various meetings that I have held in different places, that it would be the means, by the aid of the Lord's blessing upon it, of helping me through.

Under these circumstances I bring forth the following pages before the public. While writing the first part of this book, I held meetings every night, and sometimes in the day time, missing but two or three nights in three months. These meetings were

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the most powerful and successful of any that I have ever attended, showing fully, to my mind, that if I was willing to do my part, the Lord would do His, of the great work of gathering souls into His kingdom; for truly "the fields are white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few." And how many are standing idle, with their arms folded ! Has not the language of our blessed Master been sounded into your ears: "Go, work in my vineyard ?" There is work for all to do.

"Go, work in My vineyard; oh, work while 'tis day; The bright hours of sunshine are hastening away, And night's gloomy shadows are gathering fast, When the time for our labor shall ever be past. Begin in the morning, and toll all the day; Thy strength I'll supply, and thy wages I'll pay; And blessed, thrice blessed, the diligent few Who finish the labor I've given them to do."

Hoping that the Lord's blessing may rest upon these pages, and that your prayers may go with me as I go up and down in the land, may the Lord remember in mercy,

THE AUTHOR.

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