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PREFACE.

THIS little book will fall, I trust, into the hands of many who are not Christians. Some of them are not Christians simply because they do not want to be. They are not willing to give up their sins, and devote themselves to the unselfish service of Christ. But others of them do want to be Christians, only they do not know how to begin. Again and again they have tried to begin, and have always failed. They have heard that they must give their hearts to Christ, if they would be Christians; and they have knelt more than once, in secret, and said, just as honestly as they could, —

> "Here, Lord, I give myself away,
> 'Tis all that I can do," —

waiting, then, for a light to shine down upon them, or for a burden to roll off, or for a flood

of joy to fill their souls. Because nothing of the sort has ever happened to them, they have always sadly concluded that their consecration was not rightly made, that for some inscrutable reason God was not pleased to accept them; and their efforts to lead a Christian life have therefore been abandoned as often as they have been made.

Every faithful pastor knows that, in all our congregations, there are many such perplexed and discouraged seekers. These plain conversations are intended for them. No one will be made willing to be a Christian by reading this little book; but I hope that it may help those who are willing in finding the right way.

NORTH CHURCH STUDY, SPRINGFIELD,
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