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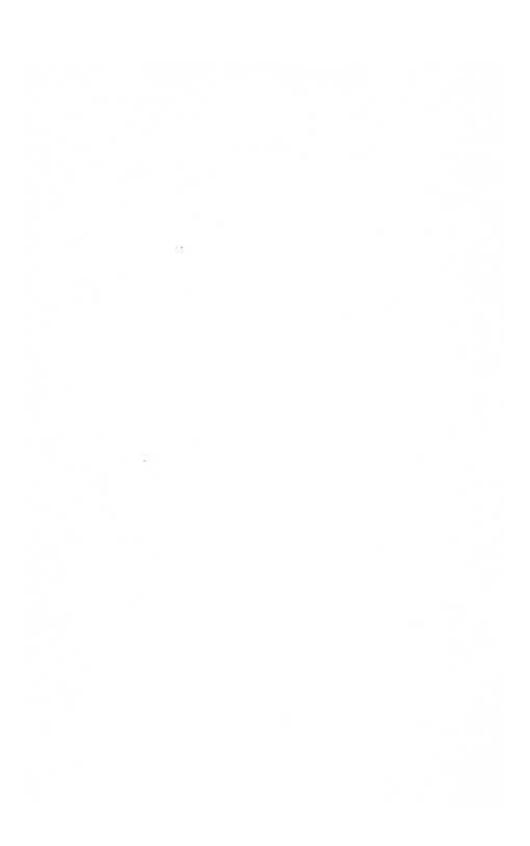


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DEDICATION

To my husband, whose interest and understanding have been an invaluable aid in the preparation of this little book, with the carnest prayer that it may be the means of helping, if only a little, towards the realization of the beautiful Zionic dream that is ours.



FOREWORD

As a church we are developing a literature of distinctive motif and special appeal, this book being an excellent sample. Almost a century ago the church teachings suggested here were announced to the world. As a result of the preaching of those ideas, thousands of yearning souls gathered to the standard of social betterment that had a consistent religious basis. The dark days of apostasy and disruption, followed by reorganization, delayed the realization of the Zionic dream yet failed to affect its intrinsic beauty and attractive power.

This book succeeds admirably in combining essential factors in the Zionic program and presenting them graphically and effectively. Possibly the demands of the hour to be brief may have been heeded too literally by the author, but she has been faithful to her ideal of correct emphasis in stressing ideals rather than a detailed romantic situation.

As the days go by, this author and others will no doubt take up and develop the Zionic theme in song and fiction and exposition. Thus will we all be led to a happy unity in clear ideals, forming the proper nucleus for the real Zion.

E. D. MOORE.

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

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