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After Fifty Years

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"From henceforth thou shalt take men alive"
Luke 5:10

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To My Father

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INTRODUCTION

ON the eighth of December, 1903, a great printing machine was awaiting a message in type that should carry, to the hundred thousand readers of the paper which it was to print, the news of the death of its editor. The one who, in that moment of grief and uncertainty, must write the message, tried to view the seventy-three years of life that had just closed, the half-century of manhood that had ministered unceasingly. The life was rich in varied and extended forms of service: as home missionary in Sunday-school work, as army chaplain, as interpreter of the Bible, as traveler and explorer, as preacher and speaker and editor, and as writer of more than thirty volumes in the field of character-building and spiritual truth.

Yet in that hour when death seems to reveal the real man and his central power and purpose, the one form of ministry that stood out in clearest, whitest light to those who knew this man best was the ministry of which the world at large, though it knew him well, knew least. It was his self-sacrificing service for the individual: his instant and invariable putting of the claims of one above the claims of many: his sinking and spending all that he had and all that he was in order to serve the one-at-a-time for whom he lived.

And so the message that told of the earthly ending of his life was the message that the whole life had spoken; and the summons was sounded, to all who