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THROUGH LIFE'S WINDOWS," ETC.

"Build it well, whate'er you do;  
Build it straight, and strong, and true;  
Build it clear, and high, and broad:  
Build it for the eye of God."

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NOTHING else we can do or make in this world is so important as that which we build along the years in ourselves. What we are at the end is a great deal truer test of living than what we have or what we have done.

It is hoped that these chapters may give helpful suggestions to thoughtful readers toward the attaining of the things in life which are more excellent. The author is exceedingly grateful to the many who have written him of the strength, comfort, encouragement, guidance, or inspiration received from his former books, and sends out this new volume in the hope that it, too, may have a ministry of helpfulness.

J. R. M.

PHILADELPHIA.

*" By trifles in our common ways,  
Our characters are slowly piled,  
We lose not all our yesterdays ;  
The man has something of the child,  
Part of the past to all the present cleaves,  
As the rose-odors linger in the fading leaves.*

*In ceaseless toil, from year to year,  
Working with loath or willing hands,  
Stone upon stone we shape and rear,  
Till the completed fabric stands.  
And, when the last hush hath all labor stilled,  
The searching fire will try what we have striven to build.'*



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CHAPTER I.

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"Souls are built as temples are,—  
Here a carving rich and quaint,  
There the image of a saint;  
Here a deep-hued pane to tell  
Sacred truth or miracle,  
Every little helps the much;  
Every careful, careless touch  
Adds a charm or leaves a scar."

THE building of character is the most important business of life. It matters little what works a man may leave in the world; his real success is measured by what he has wrought along the years in his own being.

True character must be built after divine patterns. Every man's life is a plan of God.