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*"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—Eph. v: 14.*

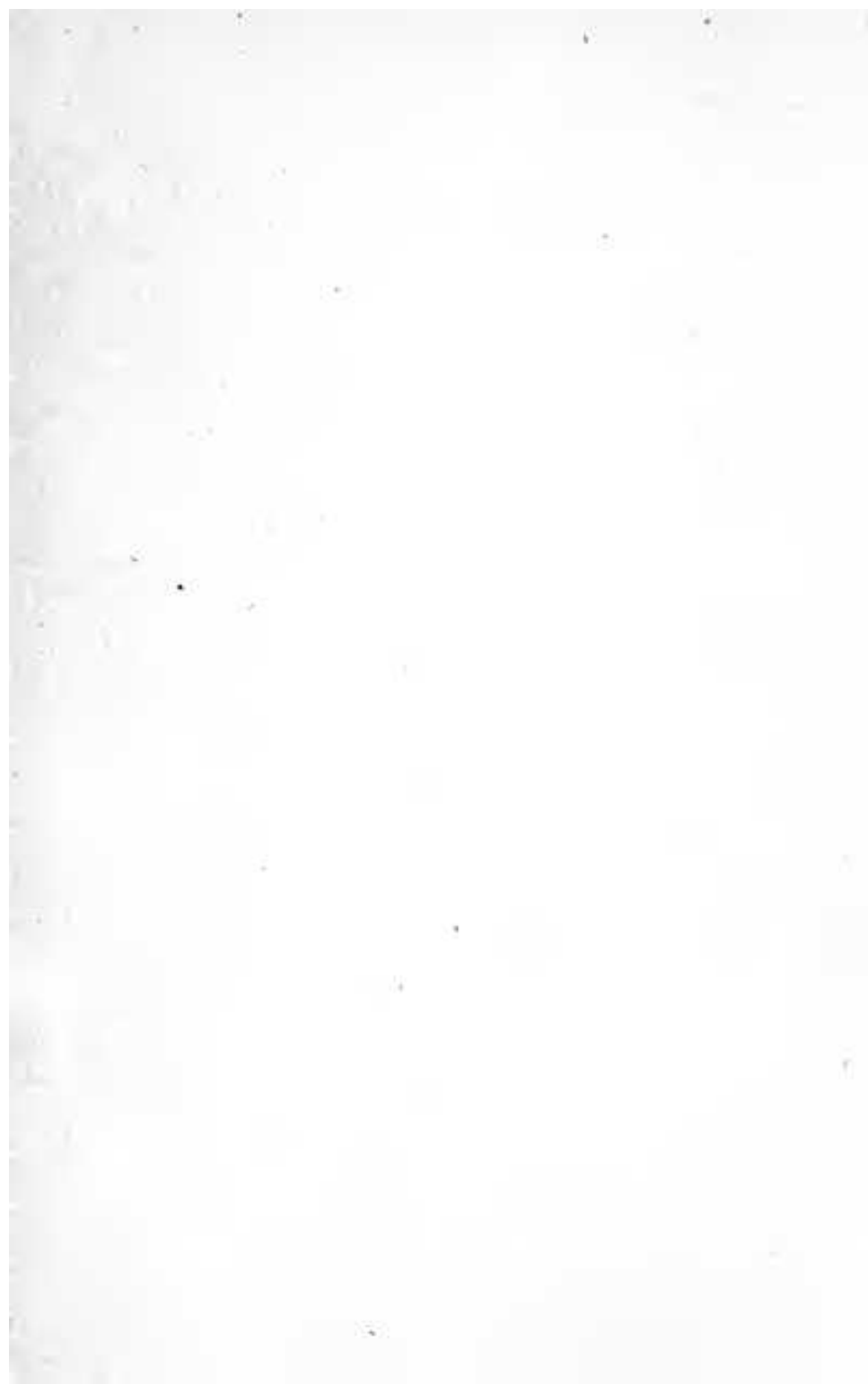


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## Dedication

This volume is dedicated to the memory of BISHOPS WILLARD F. MALLALIEU, JAMES N. FITZ GERALD, ISAAC W. JOYCE and CHARLES C. McCABE, my personal and devoted friends.

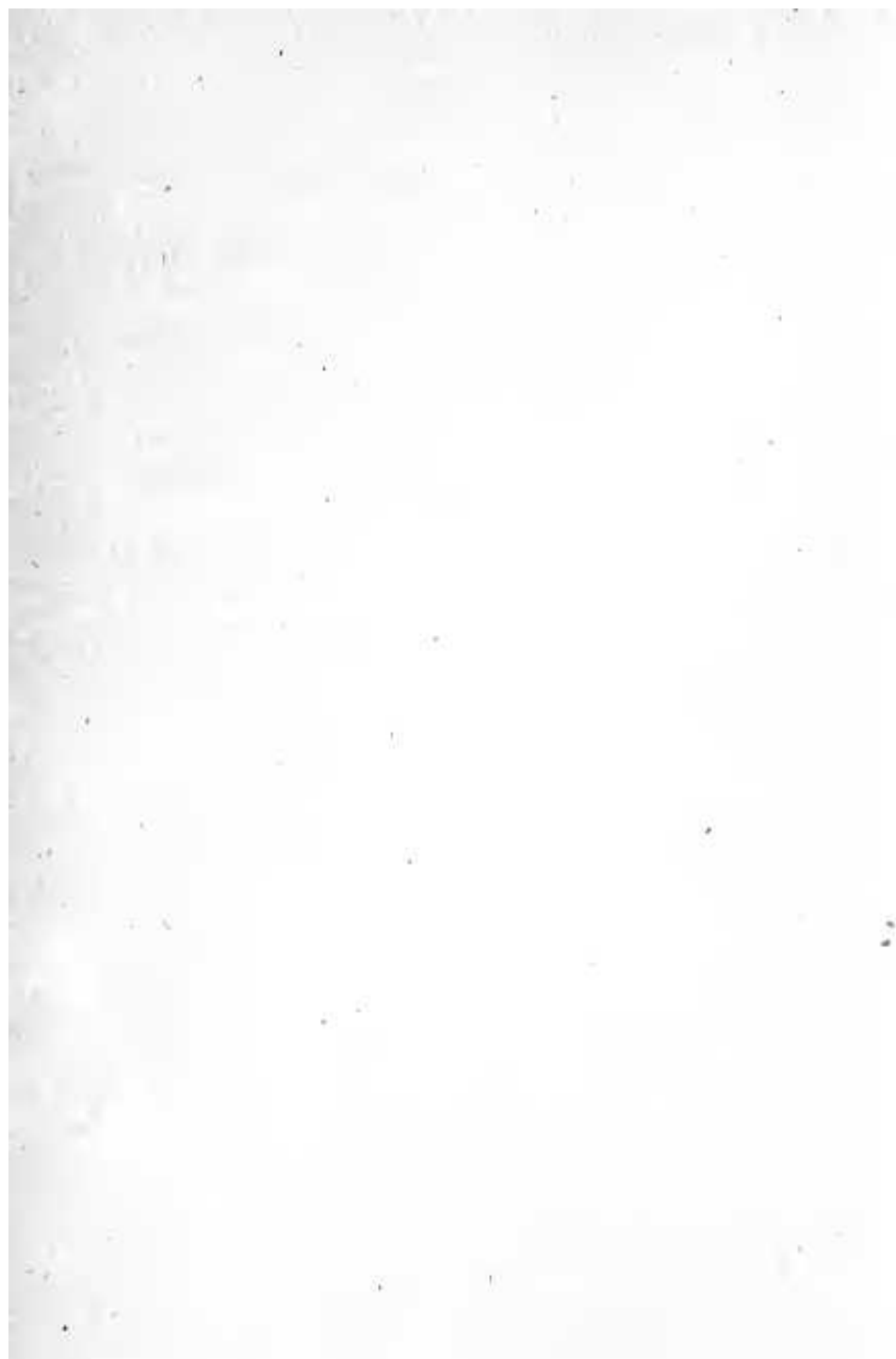
With unquestioning faith they believed the Bible to be the veritable Word of the living God. They were unswervingly loyal to the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In a conspicuously faithful manner they administered the office to which the Church had called them; and were most noble and praiseworthy examples for their successors for all coming time.



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## A PERSONAL FOREWORD

MOST of my folks were Methodists from the beginning of the movement in this country. I have been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than fifty years. I have held numerous official positions—class leader, steward, and Sunday school superintendent; and have represented the Philadelphia Annual Conference in the last three General Conferences, *i. e.* 1904, 1908, 1912. My name appears in the "Official Journal and Year Book of the Philadelphia Conference" as an ordained local preacher; and my membership is with Gethsemane Church, Philadelphia. I have given many thousands of dollars into the treasuries of the Church, and very much time and energy to promote its many interests. More than fifty thousand members have been added to the Methodist Episcopal Church from meetings I have personally conducted during the forty years I have been doing the work of an Evangelist. I am, and have always been loyal to the doctrines, polity and mission of the Church. It must be, therefore, that I love my Church, and I surely do. Consequently, when I take notice of the secular, unmethodistic and revolutionary influences at work in the Church, and conspicuously dominant, I must offer my protest and sound an alarm. By reason of my ordination vows to "With all faithful diligence banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines

contrary to God's Word," I am under solemn obligation to do this; all of which is made the more obligatory by the command of God to "Earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints." Jude 3. "To reprove them sharply that they may be sound in the faith." Titus i: 13; and "Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering, and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. . . . Do the work of an evangelist." 2 Tim. iv: 1-5.

The great body of our ministers and majority of our members believe the Bible is the Word of God, and are loyal to our doctrines and polity. According to the constitution of the Church these doctrines cannot, under any circumstances, be changed. But a *coterie* of men, mostly in our educational institutions and among General Conference officials, have formulated and are promulgating a propaganda that denies the integrity, infallibility and authority of the Bible, and thereby nullifies the doctrines of the Church—doing what the constitution imperatively forbids. Our Church periodicals are, with two, and possibly three exceptions, edited by men in sympathy with this propaganda; and, though we claim, as a Church, to be a very democratic ecclesiastical body, it is entirely impossible to bring to the attention of the Church at large the radical and revolutionary