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## PREFACE.

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THE best preface to this little book may be a brief statement of its argument, that the reader may know what to expect, and so may be able to watch, as chapter follows chapter, whether the different points of the position are proved or not.

That argument may be stated as follows: 1st. That we, as Christ's, have fallen heir to a covenant with God, which gives us legal right before Him to all the privileges covered by the three terms of that covenant. 2nd. That the failure to utilize this tremendous fact is the cause of the feebleness and failure of the Church of Christ. 3rd. That the way to actual power and victory in Christian life and service is to apprehend and utilize this covenant.

Are these things true, or are they not? These are weighty questions.

The situation is illustrated by the case of a man holding a cheque for a million pounds on the Bank of England, but who, either because he has forgotten its existence, or is unbelieving as to its value, or ignorant as to how to present it, or because he rather likes poverty and its associations, leaves his precious cheque a bit of unused paper in his vest pocket, and consequently lives a pauper and dies a failure, leaving a generation of failures behind him.

Does this illustration fit, or does it not? These are most practical questions.

If, in following the lines of this little book, the reader should meet with any truth that is not familiar, let me whisper a word of counsel as to how to treat it. Be very careful first that it *is* a truth; and, if it is, *let it in at the first reading*, and take a little time to see that it is kindly accommodated, with room enough to breathe and work in.

If, according to prevailing custom, you recognize it, but, instead of taking time to welcome

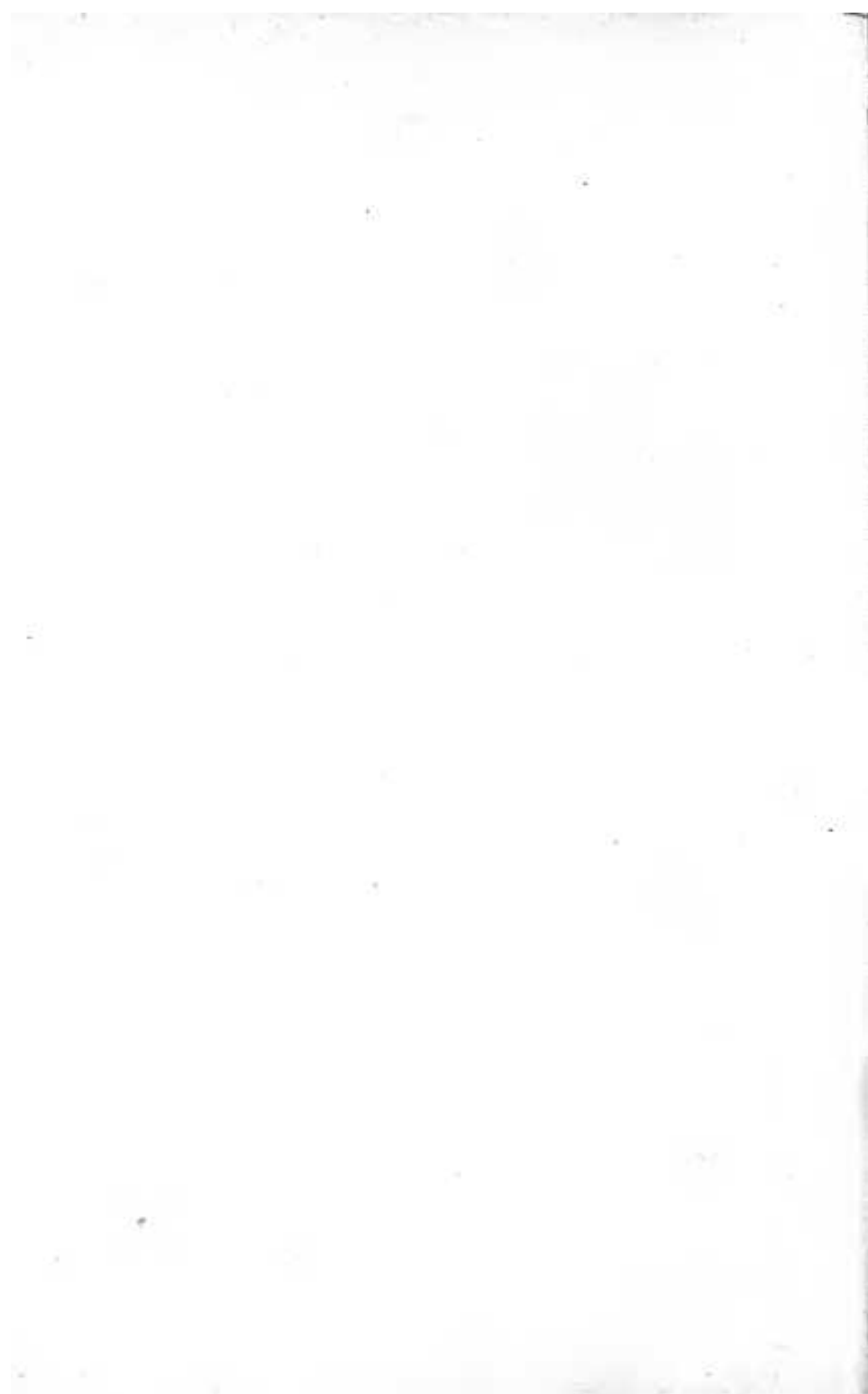


it into its place at once, you let it stand waiting until you read further on, and see if there is something else interesting, then it is almost a certainty that that first truth will never knock effectively at your door again.

Jesus Christ has given the same counsel very often, and very briefly: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

ANNA ROSS.

Ottawa, September 15th, 1901.



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