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OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, ASSEMBLING  
IN WESTBOURNE PARK CHAPEL, PADDINGTON,  
LONDON; AND TO THE HALLOWED MEMORY  
OF HUNDREDS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH  
WHO HAVE SHARED OUR FELLOWSHIP,  
I DEDICATE THIS VOLUME, WITH EVER-  
DEEPENING GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION

JOHN CLIFFORD

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