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PREFACE.

EVERY day, except Sundays, during the last fifteen years a public meeting for prayer has been held at the corner of Fulton Street and William Street, in the city of New York. The reports of that meeting have been widely published. Their line has gone out into all the earth, and their words unto the end of the world.

In two volumes previously published, the compiler of this has given some condensed account of the results of this meeting. The first volume appeared at the end of the first year. The second embraced the records of the first five years. Fifteen years are now completed, and again the reports are gathered up to the praise of divine grace and a testimony to the faithfulness of God.

The FACTS are given, and the reader may make of them what he will. Those who do not believe that God is, and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him,

may smile incredulously at the simplicity of those who accept these statements as illustrations and proofs of the power of prayer. But to us who believe, these are the records of our own experience and observation. We do not pretend to explain them. They are the historical evidences that men ask the Invisible God for certain things, and the answer comes. Often the precise thing asked for is given. Sometimes it is not. There are conditions not always complied with. But here are scores of cases in which the answer is so obviously related to the request, that we have no doubt as to the fact that prayer was heard. Scepticism may reject the record; but Christianity finds its faith strengthened and its heart cheered by these great truths.

No praying person can read this book without deep emotion and great spiritual benefit. If it is read by chapters in prayer meetings, the Church will be quickened and encouraged. Many revivals of religion in England and France, and other countries, followed the public reading of the former volumes. The compiler hopes that this may be even more useful.

He does not claim to be the author of these pages. They are reports furnished to him, mainly by the Rev.

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L. G. Bingham, who has been a daily attendant upon the meetings from their commencement, and who has done more than any other one man to bring the fruits of these meetings to the knowledge of the public.

With the earnest prayer that this book may be approved of God, it is dedicated to Christ and the Church.

NEW YORK, *September 1st, 1872.*

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FIFTEEN YEARS OF PRAYER.

CHAPTER I.

ORIGIN OF THE MEETING.

ON the 1st of July, 1857, a man was walking down Fulton Street, in the city of New York (one of the most thronged and busy streets of this great metropolis), whose life from that day was to be devoted, as it had never before, to works of benevolence in the lower wards of the city. In this street this man had been converted some years before. He had been a clothing merchant for a time in a store near by, but was not successful. He was without family, but had hosts of friends. He was of a genial and kindly disposition; of pleasing address, carrying the marks of Christian benevolence in his face; and past middle life.

He had turned out of Broadway, and as he passed rapidly down Fulton Street, he met thousands coming up the same, who had come over from Brooklyn—the great dormitory of New York—in population the third city in the United States. They were going to their places of business, and he was going to his. He had been appointed lay missionary for these lower wards by the Consistory of the Collegiate

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Reformed Dutch Church, in connection with the Old North Church, situated at the corner of Fulton and William Streets. This day he was to enter upon his labours, and he was hastening at an early hour to the place which was to be his headquarters. Had his appointment as lay missionary anything to do with the origin of the Fulton Street Prayer Meeting? We shall see.

This man was of an ardent, sympathising temperament, and was a devoted, earnest Christian. He regarded his duties as lying among the neglected in the midst of a dense population—thousands of whom were going down to death without care or warning. He had accepted his appointment with joy, as giving him something to do for Christ, something for souls ready to perish.

He was a missionary to *them*. He was to visit the poor, the sick, and the dying. He was to persuade the children and the youth to attend upon Sabbath-school, to lead the ripen in years and sin to attend the House of God on the Sabbath. He was this morning—this first day of July, 1857—stepping into a new and laborious field. He hardly knew much as yet of his duties, but the Lord was directing his steps. He was an observant man—observant of the habits of the people—and quick to discover the means of doing them good.

In the rear of this North Reformed Dutch Church, then more than a century old, were three halls or rooms, one above the other, fitted up for Sabbath-school, Bible Class, and week-day religious services. One day as the missionary was traversing the streets, and thinking of the unthinking multitudes around him, the thought occurred to him: "Why not have a noon prayer-meeting in one of those rooms, to be held every day from 12 A.M. to 1 P.M., with the understanding that men can come in for 10 or 20 minutes or the whole