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Put yourself in his place.—*Golden Rule Condensed.*

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TO MY

NOBLEMAN FATHER,

A Workingman—the noblest Roman of them all ;

AND TO THE

WORKINGMEN OF AMERICA, AND THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN :

Who constitute the bone and sinew of the Republic,  
the blood and brains of the Church,  
the salt of Society ;

AND TO THE

WORKINGMEN OF ALL LANDS AND ALL AGES, AND THEIR  
FAMILIES :

Who have bridged the oceans with ships, who have girdled the earth  
with highways, who have built all the cities, founded all the  
empires, breathed the breath of life into all noble civil-  
izations, who have been the only pioneers and  
princes of discovery and invention,

AND

Who have transformed the desert into fruitful fields and the wilder-  
ness into Edenic gardens, who have headed every righteous  
revolution, who have supplied the world with heroes  
and saints and martyrs, out of whose bosom  
came the Carpenter of Nazareth,

THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,

This volume, much of it the outgrowth of his own experience,

IS HOPEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,

BY THE AUTHOR.

## PREFACE.

THE following discourses are presented to the world *just as they were delivered*. Though the preparation was timely, thorough and unsparingly painstaking the delivery was free, purely off-hand, often impassioned, and sometimes impetuous. "My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue." They were listened to by all classes. Millionaires and mud-carriers sat side by side. Silk and broadcloth mingled on terms of blessed equality with calico and corduroy. There were many tokens of approval and of disapproval, but no one was enangered—no hearts were hurt and no bones were broken. They were asked for in printed form. MR. FERDINAND J. WENDELL, one of the most successful and progressive newspaper men in the West, and President of the extensive and enterprising Central Press Association, responded to this demand, and, catching "the wing-ed words" gave them to the world in the *Daily Press* of Fort Wayne, and in the other papers published elsewhere by him. Having had a wide reading in the daily and weekly papers, there now appears to be quite a general desire for their publication in book form. I acquiesce for two reasons: First, because I am told they have already moved several employers to be more merciful to their men, to increase their pay, and to decrease the number of working hours per day; Second, because I know the Nazarene Carpenter has been accepted by many workmen who have been made to feel, through their instrumentality, that Christ and His Church love them, and are interested in them. I pray that their usefulness, in these two directions, may be greatly augmented by their publication in this more enduring form.

If I have fallen into fallacious reasoning, or have been deceived by specious logic, or am in error regarding facts or figures I will be grateful to any reader if he will write to me stating his objections, and giving proof that he is right and that I am wrong.

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