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PREFACE.

THE commendation of the public on my first book has caused me to write this one. Nearly 4,500 of "Valuable Ideals" have been sold, and many expressions of appreciation have been received. In view of the fact that the road of time is down hill and up hill, and as all travel on that road, is why I have written under that name. It goes forth on its mission doubtless with some defects, but with the earnest prayer and desire that it may assist those who are struggling to go up hill to that fair city that is set on an hill, and to keep others from going down hill till they land in the regions of everlasting gloom.

REV. J. G. ANDERSON.

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INTRODUCTION.

The undersigned has intimately known the author of this volume, the Rev. J. G. Anderson, for many years. It can truthfully be said, not only by me but by hundreds of others who have been thus closely associated with him, that a more conscientious, upright, Christian gentleman, faithful to his God, and to his fellow men would be hard to find. The gospel he preaches is from God's word and has to it the "old-time religion" ring. Worthy characters such as he are always gladly heard and appreciated by appreciative, truth-loving people.

The men and women are innumerable, who delight in reading a book from the pen of such an unblemished character. I have examined only about half of the manuscript composing this book, but knowing the man, and even the trend of his mind, I am sure that I am safe in saying that all who are fortunate enough to procure and read the same, will be benefited very much, rather than injured. Without any effort at display, the author has in an honest, unpretentious way, stated the truth as believed, lived and preached, throughout his Christian and ministerial life.

We are living in the midst of "Higher Criticism," professed theologians with infidel scissors are clipping out the book of Genesis, and in fact the whole of the

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five books of Moses are being terribly mutilated. Jonah and all the other prophets, great and small, are partly slipped or thrown out altogether. No such thing ever known, they positively assert, as a miracle in Old or New Testament times. Christ was not conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, never did work a miracle, did not arise bodily from the tomb, etc. As Mr. Spurgeon said, they have whittled the gospel down until there is "not enough of it left to make soup for a sick grasshopper." While I am urging everybody to read Brother Anderson's book full of the old-time Biblical thought and none of the new, tinged with infidelity, I also want every investigating mind to read the eight volumes of Prof. John Urguhart, known as the "New Bible Guide." He positively demolishes every argument of the "higher" critics in a plain matter-of-fact way, from a scientific, geographical, geological, chronological, historical and Biblical standpoint. I am not digressing too far I think to recommend this great work of Urguhart's, which has been so helpful to so many honest readers. My concluding words are, don't fail to carefully read this production from the pen of our mutual friend, go to hear him preach, help him in every conceivable way in his labors of love, for no man in the same space of time has traveled more miles, goes into more homes, with his smiles and words of Christian cheer, distributed more good religious books, or preached more gospel sermons than has the Rev. James Gates Anderson.

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CHAPTER I.

GOING DOWN HILL.

And men will praise thee when thou doest well to thyself.
Psalms 49: 19.

SOMEBODY has truthfully said that as far as this world is concerned there is nothing that succeeds like success. The world praises and patronizes the man who succeeds and scorns the man who fails. All men, or nearly all men, will speak well of the man who is successful, and the same man in adversity, like the pig fast between the rails, will be bitten by every hog in the gang. A long time ago there was a newspaper that found its way into the home of the writer of this book. I do not remember the name of the paper or where it was published. I think it came from New York City. It contained an illustrated article headed, "GOING DOWN HILL." I read the article, and was very much impressed with the deep moral that it contained; so much so that we think the world can't well afford to try to get along without it being reproduced. We are like the lady who had a churn of cream, and the mouse got into it. She took the mouse by the tail and stripped off the cream, remarking that the cream was