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TO
MY CONGREGATION,
WHOSE
KINDLY COUNSEL, UNWAVERING LOYALTY AND
GENEROUS SUPPORT IN
EVERY GOOD WORK, HAVE MADE MY LABORS AMONG THEM
BOTH LOVELY AND SUCCESSFUL,
I GRATEFULLY
DEDICATE THIS VOLUME.

"My love be with you all in Christ Jesus, Amen."

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A PREFACE TO BE READ.

The Bloomingdale Church, Boulevard and W. 68th Street, New York, is one of the handsomest churches in this city of great churches. Inherited wealth enabled a small congregation to build this fine structure. When the present pastorate began, nearly nine years ago, the membership was 64, and an attendance of 50 was considered a crowd. The debt was \$50,000, which however, is small when the value of the property is considered. The West End was then a comparatively new section of the city. We began our work of gathering a congregation—in this we have succeeded—a congregation limited to the capacity of the house—composed of not less than twelve different denominations. Our many benevolent and home missionary enterprises tax the liberality of a generous congregation to its utmost. The Pastor, desiring to help the people to become free from debt, makes this book his offering, and all the profits derived from its sale go towards paying off the mortgage indebtedness on the Church. The book is published by the Church and sells for One Dollar. The Bloomingdale Church, though denominationally connected with the Reformed Church in America, is essentially the church of the people. Its doors are open to every good cause, and its charities are dispensed with lavish hand to all who are in need, regardless of creed. Our Church, especially Sunday nights, is the home of the churchless in New York, and of the strangers visiting here. The Pastor would rather the people paid this debt than the few rich. He hereby thanks in advance the gentlemen of the press for such notice as they may see fit to give of the book and the object of its sale.