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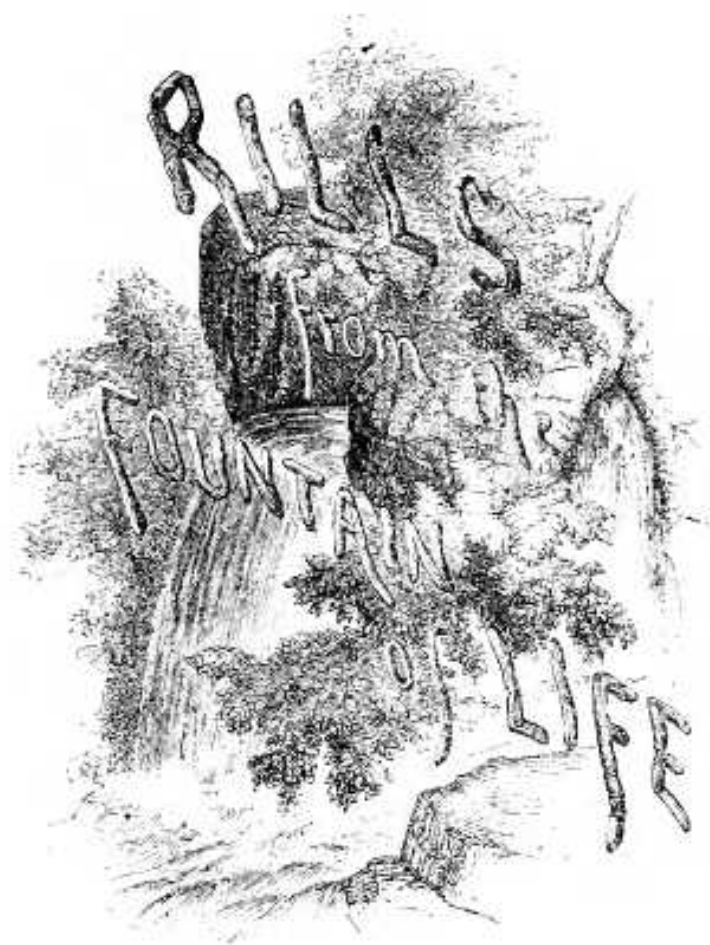
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TO

The Sunday-School Teachers

OF

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

IN TESTIMONY OF

THEIR EARNEST AND HEARTY CO-OPERATION WITH HIM IN EVERY GOOD WORK

AND OF THE DEGREE IN WHICH

THEIR CHEERFUL AND HARMONIOUS AID HAS HELPED

TO SWEETEN THE CARES, AND LIGHTEN THE BURDENS, OF SIXTEEN YEARS

OF MINISTERIAL LABOUR AMONG THEM,

This Little Volume

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED, BY THEIR AFFECTIONATE

FRIEND AND PASTOR.



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## PREFACE.

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THE following sermons have been published at the request of the teachers of the Sunday-schools of St. Paul's Church. For the last two years, there has been a service for the children of this congregation, on the afternoon of the first Sunday in the month. On these occasions, the children occupy the body of the church. The usual service is performed, and a sermon preached, designed especially for the benefit of the children.

It is called, "*The Children's Church.*" It was begun, at first, with much doubt and fear, as a matter of experiment. The result has proved, in the highest degree, satisfactory and encouraging. The children have manifested the liveliest interest in these services. In reply to questions asked, they always give an intelligent account of the outlines of the last sermon preached. The adult attendance, on these occasions, is larger than at any other afternoon service in this church. While the preacher has found the effort at arrangement, and simplification, necessary in order to secure the attention of so youthful an auditory, of great profit to himself, in sermonizing for "children of a larger growth."

This little volume contains a portion of the sermons de-

livered on these occasions. They were preached extemporaneously, and written out, from the original notes, during the last summer vacation. It was the opinion of the teachers who heard them, that, as they had interested the children of one school, they might be useful to others. And, in compliance with their earnest and united request, this unpretending little offering is laid upon the altar of the Sunday-school cause, with the fervent prayer, that, *that* glorious Saviour who hath "chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty;" and whose sacred, standing, injunction to his ministers is, "*Feed my lambs,*" may graciously crown it with his blessing, and make it an humble instrument of good to some of his "little ones."