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TO MY LOVED AND FAITHFUL DAUGHTERS
CLARE E. BAKER AND FLORENCE E. PORTER
AND THE FRIENDS CHURCH
THIS VOLUME IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED
BY THE AUTHOR

PREFACE

AT THE request of my friends, and for the love of the truth, I have been constrained to gather up some of the "Incidents of My Life and Life Work," in the simple story of God's gracious dealing with me and mine. His marvelous preservation through the years of my pilgrimage, and granting me the privilege to share with Him in service for the Church and souls, has been a great cause of Thanksgiving. The narrative began a year and a half ago, and has been gathered in the midst of a strenuous life, in the fragments of time snatched from the passing months, which, I trust, may be made a blessing to my readers and patrons.

Incidents are varied and many-sided, drawn from actual experience, in secular and spiritual life. They cover length of years and a broad territory, and we sincerely crave for them your kindly measure of their virtue, and charitable consideration.

In addition to the "Life Work," I have deemed it safe, and best, to add a synopsis of a number of my sermons, which, under God's anointing, I have been privileged to utter as His messages, in their peculiar

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setting, as based upon the Inspired Word. The papers on "The Inner Life of the Pastor," and "The Holy Spirit," have been prepared with much prayer and care, hoping to add both interest and merit to the volume. The story for children expresses a unity of action worthy of note.

In submitting this volume to the public, I am aware that it has been a necessity very often to repeat the first person singular, but please allow it to carry you to the One only wise God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be all the glory.

ADRIAN, MICHIGAN.

INTRODUCTION

KNOWLEDGE of God and of Christ is the highest possible acquisition. "This," said Jesus, "is life eternal." Awakened sinners regard their Creator as an inexorable Judge, satisfied with nothing short of a sinless life, and far separated from themselves by their transgressions. They feel the sorrows of just condemnation. Some of them repent, confess their sins, seek pardon through "the redemption which is in Christ Jesus," believe, and *know* God as reconciled, regenerating, adopting them as His children. This is the beginning of a knowledge not merely intellectual but instinctive also, and of which Jesus loved to tell His disciples. They *sense* His presence, and discover Him to be their attentive Comforter, Counsellor and Guide, hearing and answering prayer, and constantly inviting them to a more intimate friendship with Himself. They learn the secret of *walking* with Him, *waiting* upon Him, *proving* Him as their sufficiency.

All this is in the plan of God for mankind. Not only does He offer the riches of this blessed experience to all his followers, but in every age He raises