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BY

A POOR "MEMBER OF CHRIST."

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Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy  
footsteps are not known.—PSALM lxxvii. 19.

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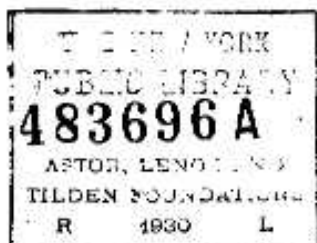
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TO THE  
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AN INSTITUTION  
THAT WITH UNSPARING HAND HAS SCATTERED, AND IS STILL  
SCATTERING, THOSE SACRED VOLUMES,  
THE BIBLE AND THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER,  
THIS LITTLE BOOK,  
WRITTEN TO SHOW THEIR MARVELLOUS POWER OVER THE HEART  
OF A MARVELLOUSLY WICKED MAN,  
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,  
BY THE AUTHOR.

## PREFACE.

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THE author of this little volume, written for the young, in presenting it to the public, begs leave to say a few words in its behalf.

He is one of those whose blessed privilege it is to be a member of the Church of God, and to feed upon those rich comforts which, through God's tender mercy in Christ, are dispensed by that Church to poor, fallen, and sinful men.

Oftentimes, amid a crowd of fellow-worshippers, he has sat and heard some earnest appeal of the Church, in behalf of some noble purpose; and with a heart sick and a purse well nigh empty, he has been able to make but a small response. It is his lot to be poor. God knows what is best for every man, yet at such moments he has felt (but, good Lord, how easy it is to be deceived by one's own heart! how often do riches harden the heart of man!) that if wealth had been his portion, the Church of God should not make her de-



mands in vain. Like the widow in the Gospel, he could only cast in his mite of his penury.

Some subjects of duty are nearer to his heart than others, and among these there are none, as he conceives, with stronger demands upon him, than our Western Missions in our own land, and recently one missionary enterprise of the West has especially arrested his attention, and claimed his prayers. This is in the Diocese of Missouri.

It is well known that the Bishop of Missouri, with an earnest desire of building men up in our most holy faith, in that portion of the Lord's vineyard intrusted to him, has purposed in his heart the establishment of a Mission where the sons of the rich and poor may alike be trained in the discipline of our holy Church, and whence the missionaries of the cross may radiate upon the surrounding wilderness. If the plans and purposes of the Bishop may be carried onward, there is no calculating the important results of such a mission.

It seems that Mr. George R. Clark, of St. Louis, struck with the plan, presented to the Bishop 300 acres of land in Missouri, for the establishment of the mission. The site, however, not being considered eligible, the Bishop, holding that for the benefit of the mission, acquaints the Convention of the Diocese that he has received such a gift, and requests that a proper site, in

some portion of his vineyard, may be allotted, that his work may proceed. The citizens of Marion county, in Missouri, have met that request, and presented 60 acres of land, with a small dwelling-house thereon, for the Christian purpose designed. The Bishop has accepted the gift; the spot is what he desired.

The mission grounds are then in Marion county, one hundred and fifty miles from the city of St. Louis, and six miles west of the Mississippi River. The location is healthy and beautiful. It is only half a mile from the little town of Palmyra, the county seat of Marion. Here the work is to be begun; but here to begin and prosecute it fairly and efficiently, it is necessary that a school-house and chapel should be promptly erected, and the chapel, when built, must meet the wants of the mission and the adjoining village. It seems that some who love the Church, with hearts beating in sympathy with the comprehensive work of the Bishop, have thrown in their mites to this noble purpose. But the work is large, the plan is one of vast accomplishment, with little means, and the writer would be one to aid in this noble undertaking.

Mr. Clark, who made the first gift of land for the good purpose designed, is the son of Governor Clark, the earliest Governor of Missouri. The land was an inheritance from his father, and as "a token of filial

love and missionary gratitude, the enterprise is known as the *Governor Clark Mission*.\*\*

With a full heart, and a purse too empty to carry out the wishes of that heart, the author has written this little book, as an offering to that mission. May God bless the weak effort!

In the selection of a subject for his purpose, he has chosen the simple story of the triumph of a Bible and Prayer-Book, thinking that it bore some kinship with the trials and triumphs of those heralds of the cross who, with the Bible and Prayer-Book in their hands, are pressing their way into the Western wilderness.

If, in his attempt to aid a good cause, the author shall have failed, he will still feel grateful to God for the comfort he has had in the prosecution of his effort, and for the additional love of his Bible and Prayer-Book which has grown up in his heart, as he has written the story.†

\* See, in the *Journals of Missouri*, the two last addresses of the Bishop to his Diocesan Convention, touching the Governor Clark Mission.

† The mission, it seems, is now opened. On the 14th of February last, the Rev. William B. Corby, a presbyter of the Church, was placed at its head, by the Bishop, and the institution now numbers 28 pupils, eight of whom are inmates of the house. Already is the Bishop forced to refuse admission to applicants, for the want of room. May the good Lord soon put it in the hearts of the sons of the Church to erect the chapel and school-house!