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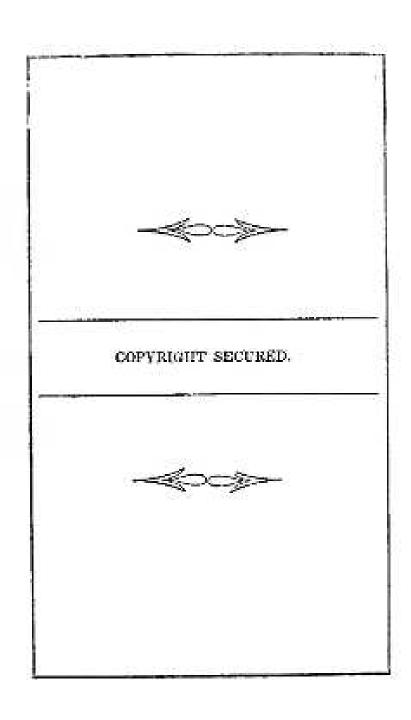
⁴⁴ This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you.²²—Jasas Christ.

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PREFACE.

Ir must be conceded by every person who understands the true spirit and genius of the gospel of our Lord and Sovier Jesus Christ, that its victories are to be wantend its empire established by the influeges of Love. It must also be admitted, by every capilid and careful observer of buman nature, and of the Christian Church, that there is a fearful want of love among the professed disciples of the Savior. The warm-hearted awachment, the burning desire to make more happy, the self-secrificing fators for the good of mon which so strikingly marked the life, the actions, and the spirit of the Master, are attributes of character for which we look almost in vain, as we: survey the militant church. I would not be understood to say that they are entirely invisible, because there are some, yea many, disciples baptized deeply with the unction of Christ; and the elements of his holy character exist in some small degree in every Christian convert. But it is undeniably true of the Masses, who compose our churches, that they do not develope either in their lives or spirits, the

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great gospel idea of Love, they do not force the conviction on a miserable wo d, that the church is ruled by a divine affection—by a holy mutual fondness which exists no where else. And it is not saylag too much, to affirm that until such a conviction is forced upon the world, it will not be converted.

With those views I have been led to the composition of this little book. Bornestly hoping that it may be a seed of spiritual and sternol field, it is cost forth, seeking a soil congenial with its nature, by one of the unworthiest laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.



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