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OF THE FUTURE;
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BY ONE SPIRIT, WORKING HAND IN HAND AND HEART
WITH HEART IN ONE GENERAL BODY, THIS
BOOK IS HOPEFULLY DEDICATED
BY
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INTRODUCTORY

THE STORY OF THE BOOK.

IT is thirty years since we began to write what grew into *The Way of Salvation in The Lutheran Church*.

We have been asked again and again how we came to write the book.

In sending forth this new, revised and enlarged Jubilee Edition, which is the thirty-second thousand, we comply with the request and briefly tell the story.

The Author had grown up in a non-Lutheran community. None of his companions were Lutherans. His father, a plain German farmer, was a devout Lutheran. He helped to organize the first German Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. He preferred the German. As the children grew up in the public school they were among those who talked and thought and played and dreamed in English. The wise father saw that to keep the children in the Lutheran Church it was better that the parents unite with an Eng-