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NI. The times are hard. So they are, Incomes have shrunk, are shrinking, it may be, are to shrink, so that multitudes of men and women, to whom it is a real to give to God and to His great cause of missions, find their ability to do so now stricken away. This is all true. But still, your committee remind themselves and you, we are of the Lord's host, set in the line and rank where He would have us. Under Him, thon, wo

"Bute not one jot Of heart or hope but still bear up And steer right onward."

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(Author of the English edition of Policia's Polity of the Christian Church; Ribic Studies on Genesis xlix; Good Friday Meditations, etc. ble their gifts for missions. Hard times shall be as the stormy rock of Horeb. Struck by God's inspiring love the waters of living refreshment S.P.C.IX., SYNOD OFFICE, for the divine work of missions shall

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