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PREFATORY NOTE.

It is with a feeling somewhat of diffidence that I present this little volume of poems to the scrutinizing gaze of the literary public; but I beg to remind my friends, for whom chiefly I have collected these stray bits of verse and given them book form, that I do not presume in so doing to aspire to the rank and title of post, for such an one, I believe, should be he who has devoted the greater part of his time to the cultivation of the poetic faculty. To this very object I would gladly have given the strongest energies of my life, but an overruling Providence has ordained otherwise. I trust, however, that to you, my friends, who have walked with me through many seasons of life's sun and shade, this little book may prove in some measure a source of both pleasure and profit—at least, a reminder of your friend,

S. E. S. F.

Hammond, N.B., September 10th, 1903.



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In the rosy blush of morning
I have climbed the mountain's side,
Plucked the blossom from the wild rose,
Watched the brooklet dance and glide;
And, tho' pleasant mem'ries linger
Of the joy thus brought to me,
Yet more pleasant is the mem'ry
Of my wanderings by the sea.

In the twilight hush of even
I have sat and listened long
To the mellow voice of music,
To the happy voice of song;
And, tho' charmed beyond recalling
By the tender melody,
Yet a voice more sweet and soothing
Is the murmur of the sea.