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PREFACE.

THE following sacred lyrics are meant to be simple expressions of true and healthful religious feeling, such as any heart in sympathy with God may find awakened in it wherever his presence is felt. So far as they are indeed such they are sure to find a response in the hearts of Christian people who may chance to read them, to whatever particular communion these may belong. In the wide variety of subjects and of rhythmic structure presented in the volume there may perhaps be found a special element of interest. While a considerable number of the pieces are intended only to be read, the writer has ventured to offer, as a slight additional contribution to Christian hymnology, a number of new hymns adapted to the service of song both in public and private worship. The great value of genuine devotional literature as a means of religious culture seems coming to be more generally understood; and the author hopes that some of his fellow-disciples may find in these pages somewhat of quickening and helpful spiritual power. A few miscellaneous pieces are added at the close, which, however, are not materially different in their character and spirit from the rest.

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