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DEDICATION

TO DR. CLARENCE J. OWENS

*Managing Director of the Southern Commercial
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whose timely suggestions, and additional helpful hints, have been a veritable Light in the Valley to the author in this, his initial step in presenting the products of his verse to the literary world, is this small volume of poems most gratefully dedicated.

INTRODUCTION

In the course of his service as a teacher in the schools of Alabama and during his residence in the District of Columbia, the author of this volume of poems has recorded his interpretation of his environment and has given expression to his choicest thoughts and feelings.

Upward toward the better seems to be the impelling influence that has guided his pen. The physical labor, the mental toil and the soul struggle put into the production of this book cannot be estimated. Whatever the verdict of the reader as to its rank in the Republic of Letters and whatever of difference of opinion there may be on economic and social problems, it is certain that here is contained the serious, earnest, honest efforts of a soul imbued with high ideals, based on firm convictions and guided by an unfaltering trust in the Most High.

With knowledge of the successful labors of the author as an educator in the South during the past decade and acquaintance with his hopes and desires to publish his message to the world in verse, I have followed his career and his literary accomplishments with sympathetic interest. Gladly I express to the author the appreciation on the part of his friends, for the pleasure he has brought them through his poetry and cheerfully I commend the volume to those who would be inspired to nobler purposes and bespeak a wide distribution of the book into many homes and a dissemination of its ideals into many hearts.

CLARENCE J. OWENS.

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