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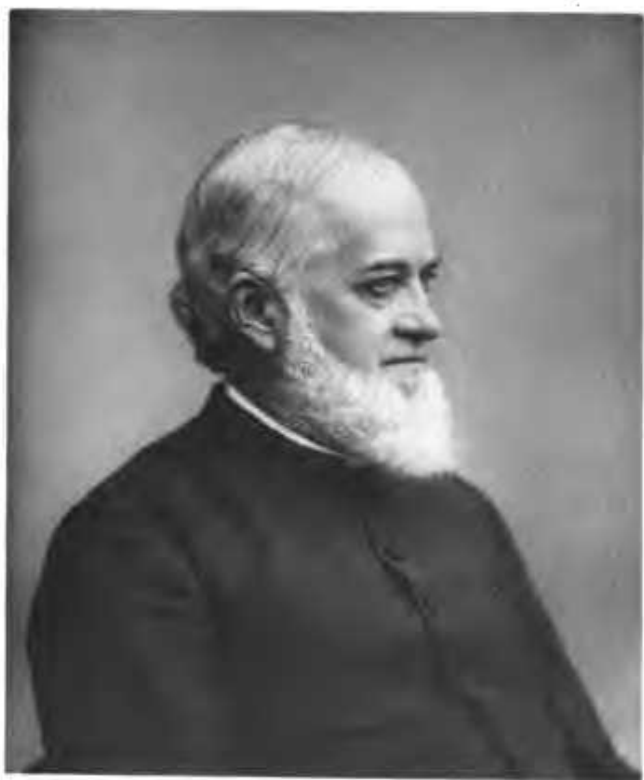
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Dedication to the First Edition.

1877.

TO

MY MOTHER.

If words of mine one soul may lead
From ways of sin and death, to find
The place where GOD that soul shall feed,
And to His Throne with love shall bind
The weary heart, I ask no more.
What better can I leave behind,
Than record of that blessed store
Of God's great love for human-kind?

Second Edition.

1896.

TO

MY WIFE.

"FAITHFUL AND TRUE."

"WHEN the warmest feelings wither,
And the dearest hopes decay ;
To thee—to thee—thou knowest,
Whate'er my lot may be,
For comfort and for happiness,
My spirit turns to thee."

"Belovéd best of all on earth by me,
Like running brook my love flows on to thee
Through months and years, to all eternity.
My love the brook ; thy love the open sea,
Absorbing love in love, yet giving love to me.
Thy heart of hearts, my heart doth rest upon ;
And heaven to earth, it bringeth down to me,
Till all my soul is filled with sweet and radiant joy,
And I have naught to wish."

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Preface.

The first edition was entitled "Christmas Carols and other Verses," but the carols form so little portion of the present work, the old title seemed a misnomer.

All the verses and carols in the first book are contained in this.

H. G. B.

