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Miss Emily  
Dulles, Va. Va.

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*Ἄλλοδ' γὰρ εἶμεν ποιμα.*

"For we are his poem."

—*Ugh. n. ca.*

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TO THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER,  
MARCUS A. BELL,  
IN LOVING REVERENCE;

TO  
MY MOTHER, MY BROTHERS, MY SISTER;

AND TO MY BLESSED FRIENDS,  
MRS. MARCUS W. BECK,  
MRS. LIVINGSTON MUSE,  
MRS. MARY POPE COOPER,

AND

IDA AELL,

WHOSE AFFECTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
HAVE BEEN AMONG THE CHIEF SOURCES OF MY INSPIRATION;

TO

MY TEACHERS,  
MY PASTORS,  
MY EDITORS,

AND

TO ALL WHO LOVE MY SONGS,

IN APPRECIATION OF  
THEIR GUIDANCE, THEIR INDULGENCE,  
THEIR MANY COURTESIES,  
THIS LITTLE VOLUME OF POEMS IS  
FAITHFULLY INSCRIBED.

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## GOD IS LOVE.

1 JOHN iv. 8.

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**GOD IS LOVE**, breathes all nature's minstrelsy,  
On earth, in air, upon the murmuring sea ;  
**Deep-swell**ing note, it thrills the early dawn,  
Inspires the day, and charms eve's dusky lawn ;  
**Soft, sacred** lay, it cheers the midnight gloom,  
*Love's voice, e'en heard beyond the silent tomb,*  
**O sweetest** music of the spheres above,  
**Vast spheres** eternal, ever breathing love,  
**Eternal** love, soft breathing, **GOD IS LOVE.**

M. A. B.

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