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"I will sing with the spirit, I will sing with the understanding also."

—1 Cor. xiv, 15.

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## PREFACE.

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THE first edition of these Songs, 48 in number, was printed only for private circulation. The favourable comments made on them by the recipients of copies, united to a belief that several of them differ in kind from any hitherto published, have induced the author, after adding a second series extending the number to 100, to submit this enlarged edition to the general public.

It may startle some minds to find such subjects as light, heat, electricity, magnetism, &c., made themes of praise to the Almighty; but a little reflection ought to produce a conviction, that these are quite as legitimate topics, as many others on which the writers of hymns have loved to dwell. Such a blending, moreover, of religious sentiment with philosophical contemplation may tend to exert a beneficial effect on the mind, by directing the thoughts from mere

external phenomena towards an Unseen, Ever-living, and Allwise Origin.

It is only a portion, however, of the following hymns, to which these remarks apply. The greater number, especially of the second series, are of a moral or devotional character, and, for the most part, embody sentiments expressed by the sacred writers in various parts of scripture. In the composition of these, an endeavour has been made to keep them as free as possible from sectarian prejudices, so that they may prove acceptable to every Christian mind.





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THOU Intelligence Supreme!  
Of human praise the grandest theme—  
Of motion, energy, and force  
The primary creative source—  
Fountain of life, whence all alive  
Their being, life, and breath derive!

Whose wisdom, all excelling far,  
Prepared the sun, each glittering star,  
The moon, whose changeful rays so well  
Of passing times and seasons tell,  
This fertile earth, that ocean wide,  
With rolling waves and fitful tide—

Ruler of all the human race!  
What love is shown us in Thy grace,  
Which suffers sinful men to call  
Thee "Father"—having made us all  
Adopted sons in Jesus Christ,  
Who is of all Thy sons the highest!