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TO

My Many Kind Friends,

WHO

IN DEEPEST SHADOW, AS IN SUNSHINE BRIGHT,

HAVE FAITHFUL BEEN TO ME.

CATHARINE ANNIE McNAUGHTON.

WILLOW BANK, ABBOTSFORD,
CHRISTMAS, 1885.

My many kind friends

P R E F A C E .



KIND reader, after much hesitation, and in compliance with many friendly requests, I venture to place before you this small volume of my writings. Its merits (if any) I leave to your judgment. Wishing you the Season's compliments,

I ask thee kindly take my simple lays,
(Remember I court not a "*Poet's Bays*"),
And in my scraps of simple rhyme I bring
In lines of love, affection---that I sing.
Chords inharmonic you will plainly see,
Expect to find no perfect harmony.
I know to some who read the lines I pen
Will come a dream of other days again ;
To some will come remembrance of a time
When life to them was like a "marriage chime."
To some my lay will bring a mournful spell,
'Twill tell of loved ones gone, of death's sad knell.
(Twill tell of faces missed, of voices still),
Yet faith will whisper, "'Twas Our Father's will."

Somewhere a line of harmless mirth will show
That mirthful moment did the line bestow :
With *Christmas* and with *New Year's* greetings see
SUNSHINE and SHADOW blend for thee and me.
One thing suggests itself before I close,
Please gently deal with either rhyme or prose.



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