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PREFACE.

THESE hymns were written last year. Some of them were sent, as written, to various high-class periodicals and papers, and courteously accepted by them; and seven were subsequently printed as leaflets.

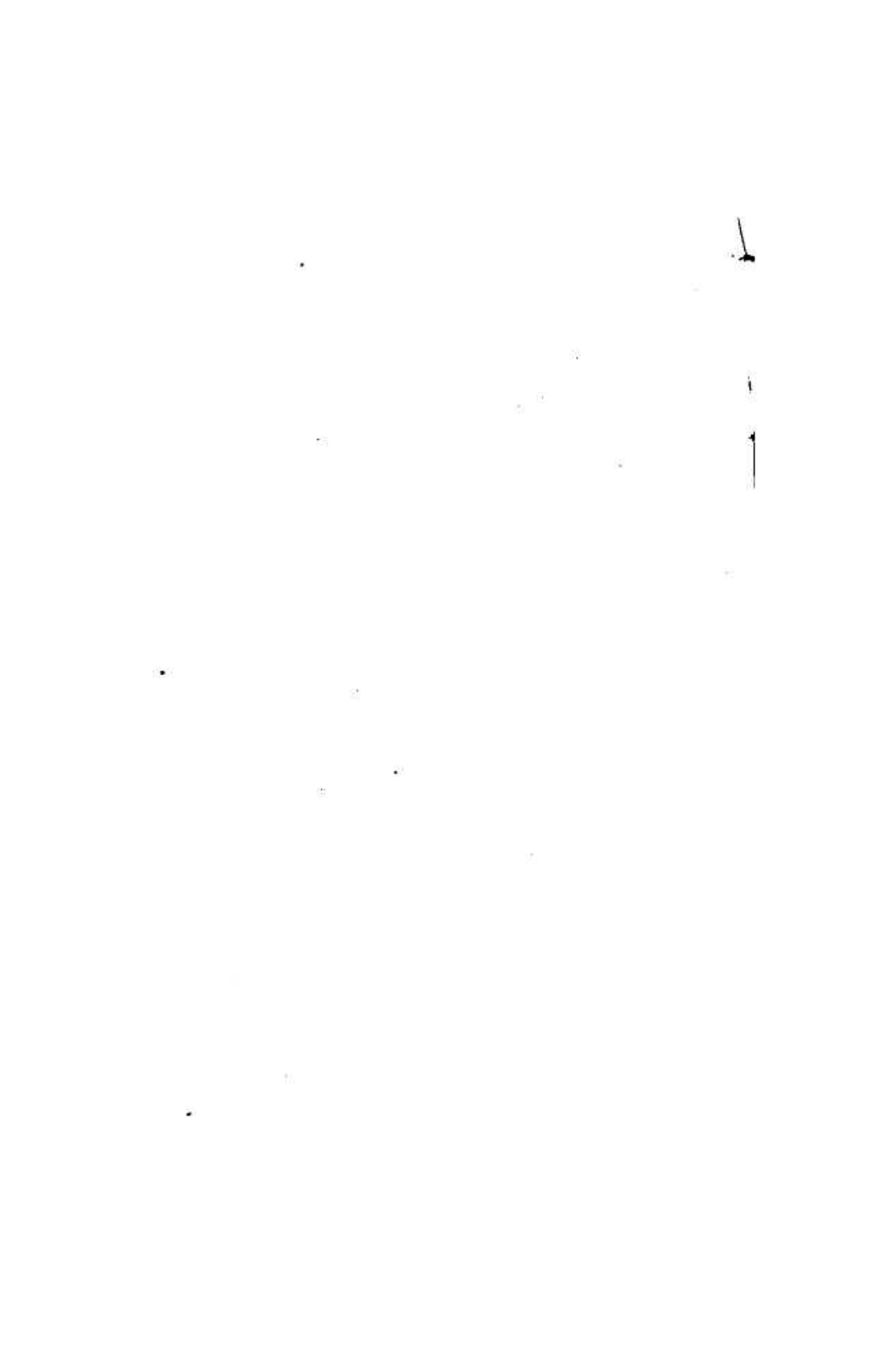
I need not dwell upon results. It will suffice to say that they have been such as to encourage the present publication; and my highest wish will be gratified if a more extensive circulation should lead to more extensive usefulness, if the Church should approve, and if HE, at whose feet they are humbly laid, in this my resting-place, should graciously accept and bless.

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HYMN I.

TIMES OF REFRESHING.

"Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."
Acts iii. 19.

TIMES of refreshing, Lord, we need,
From Thy loved presence near ;
Thy gracious promises we plead,
Speak, Lord ! Thy servants hear.

Earth's sorrows meet us on our way,
And call for many a tear ;
Stand by the bier, O Lord, and say,
" Weep not ;" and we shall hear.

The storms of life arouse our fear,
And make us call for aid ;
Walk on the waters ;—let us hear,
" 'Tis I, be not afraid."

Our sins beset us easily,
Weak, weary, and foot-sore ;
Sit on the well, dear Lord, that we
May drink, and " thirst no more."

When gathering clouds of unbelief
Thy grace and glory hide,
Come suddenly to our relief,
Show us Thy hands and side.

When death has its dark shadow cast,
As on Mount Calvary,
May words from Cross to cross be passed,
"In Paradise with me."

Ah, Paradise of God ! how blest
At morning, noon, and ev'n,
To taste the sweets, and share the rest
Of Saints made meet for heaven.

But dearest of all joys above,
And resting-place most sweet,
To see Him whom unseñ we love,
And worship at His feet !

Earth's troubles then no more depress,
Earth's sins no more offend,
But crystal streams our souls refresh,
And golden gates defend.

