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Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the King,
also what the King said unto thee. JER. 38: 25.

Walking with Thee, my God,
Saviour benign,
Dally confer on me
Converse divine;
E'en as a friend with friend,
Cheered to the journey's end,
Talking with Thee.

G. RAWSON.

BRANTFORD EXPOSITOR,

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PREFACE.

This little book originated some FIFTEEN YEARS ago from a sermon by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. Text, "Deep calleth unto deep." Subject, "The deeps in God answering to the deeps in man." As Rev. Dr. Fulton says, "The book was born, not made."

Its first suggested couplets were:—

"Keep me as the apple of the eye."

"He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of His eye."

"Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings."

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shall thou trust."

From this, the work went on, as time and labor from a busy pastorate could be given to it.

At the request of the Y. M. C. A. secretary, London, Ont., it appeared first in pamphlet form; and then in a larger edition, entitled, "Spiritual Longings and Divine Responses."

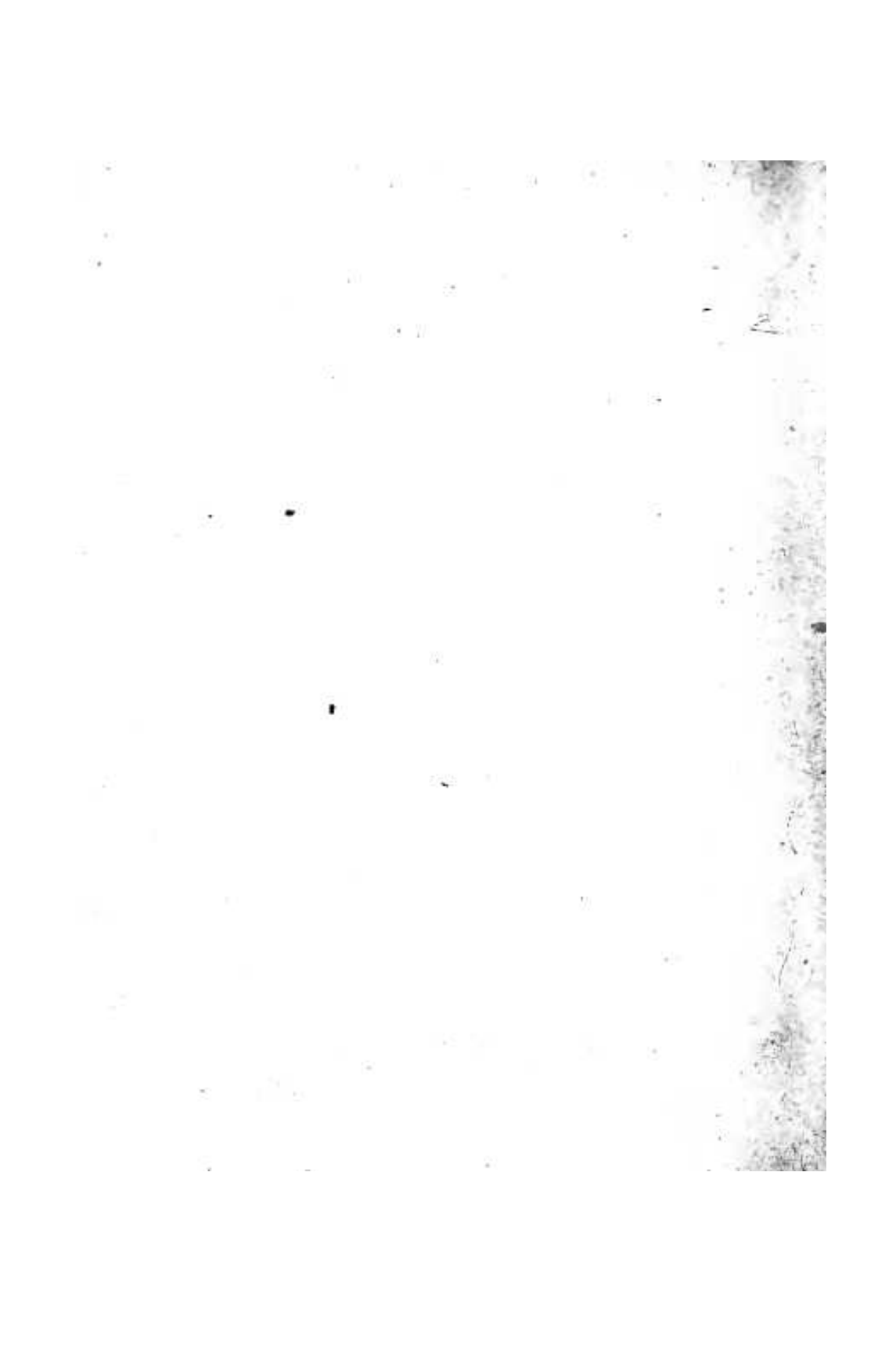
The present is a complete revision and enlargement of the latter volume, with poetry added.

The author's idea in preparing this book has been, that as poet and musician, artist and artizan aim to give effect, by skillfully selecting and arranging their material, so, and much more, should the composer of Scripture Readings. As Israel's royal poet said, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God which cost me nothing."

Thus in these readings, the author has endeavored, from various versions of the scripture, to select and arrange the passages faithfully, appropriately, tastefully, and responsively; developing in each topic the thought.

May He "who has magnified his word above all his name," own the imperfect endeavor, and make it a comfort and blessing to many.

AUTHOR.



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INTRODUCTORY NOTES.

Even a glance at "Converse with the King," reveals its rare value to the devout and diligent student of God's Word. It exhibits fine skill and taste in the selection of its topics, in their alphabetical arrangement, and in its thoughtful compilation of the Scriptures. But its special value is found in the fact that it brings the soul into communion with Him of whom the Scriptures testify, John 5: 39. And it is only in the perusal of the inspired writings we understand the meaning of the words, "The King is held in the galleries." Song 7: 5.

It was while the Psalmist spoke of the things he had made touching the King; his heart bubbled up, and his tongue became "the pen of a ready writer." Ps. 45: 1. And the reader of this book must experience something of the same joy, as he goes from subject to subject, day by day, beholding him whom the Redeemed and the Angels delight to adore. Rev. 5. To him shall be fulfilled in measure here, the promise fulfilled without measure hereafter, "Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty," Isa. 33: 17.

After all, there is nothing like the word of God to confirm and comfort the believer, to guide and guard his steps, to sanctify and strengthen him along his pilgrim way to meet the Lord in the air. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous