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*This collection of Songs of Happy Life is dedicated
to all noble and earnest souls who wish to add to the
beauty of the world, and to the joyful life of all
creatures.*

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PREFACE.

This collection is designed as a supplementary Song-Book for use in Schools, as well as intended for Homes and Bands of Mercy. It contains a number of songs suitable for "Arbor Day" and "Bird Day" exercises.* The songs have been selected with great care. Valuable help and suggestions have been given, and the music has all been examined and approved by Mr. Emory P. Russell, Director of Music in the Public Schools of Providence, R. I., and Superintendent of the Summer School of the American Institute of Normal Methods, Brown University.

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A number of poems by Mrs. Celia Thaxter, Miss Edith M. Thomas, Miss Emille Poulsson, and others have for the first time been set to music.

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The publishers of the English "Band of Mercy Melodies" have kindly allowed the use of a number of songs from their collection.

Arrangements have been made with Messrs. Oliver Ditson Company for the use of selections from "Childrens' School Songs," and other publications.

The latter part of the book contains quotations from various authors, showing the importance and benefit of humane education and of the study of nature, and giving information in regard to Bands of Mercy, with suggestions as to Band of Mercy entertainments, and a list of publications that will be found useful for reference.

It also contains specimens of musical notes which are to be distinguished in the voices of birds and other animals, and quotations suitable for a "Bird Day" program.

In sending forth this volume, an earnest hope goes with it, that the children who sing these songs of happy life may rejoice in this beautiful world of sunshine and flowers and singing birds, and may enter into loving sympathy with all life, and help to make the world more beautiful and joyful for each other and for all the creatures by whom they are surrounded.

May, 1897.

S. J. E.

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