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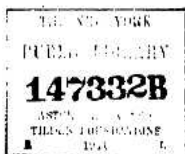
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## PREFACE

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*The Literature of Love finds its best expression in Poetry, the language of emotion. So voluminous is this literature, corresponding as it does to the universality of the emotion, that it would seem that no novelty of poetic expression were left the modern lover who would indite a sonnet to his mistress' eye-brow or turn a couplet in praise of her less obvious charms.*

*From the "Song of Solomon" to the "Songs of Swinburne" has welled up a chorus of songs by major and minor poets that would daunt the spirit of the bravest anthologist. No adequate anthology were indeed possible without qualifying limitations of a most definite kind.*

*The limitation imposed in this little collection is that of Constancy in relation to the poetry of love; the idea of*

*Constancy is still further qualified by limitation to the loves of men and women for one another.*

*Even within these narrow bounds this collection is not exhaustive; but it is believed to be the only collection of its kind, and it is hoped that it will meet with the approval of all who seek a fitting expression of the sentiments to which this collection is dedicated.*

*A note of variety has been introduced by placing an appropriate motto at the foot of each page, arranged in alphabetical order. These mottoes or ring posies were in olden times engraved on engagement and wedding rings.*

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