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DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS, MEMBERS OF MISSION BANDS,
HELPERS IN THE GOOD WORK OF PUBLISHING THE GOS-
PEL TO EVERY CREATURE:

This little Hymnal, designed for your use, is to you affectionately inscribed. It is gratifying to know that the number of your Bands, already large, and confined to no one denomination, is constantly increasing. The high testimony that you have already received is full of encouragement. In view of the fact, that at all your meetings, singing forms, very appropriately, an important part of the exercise, the need of a special collection of Hymns has been greatly felt by some of your number. To meet this want, this Manual of Sacred Songs has been prepared. It consists largely of Hymns never before brought together. A considerable number, having been written expressly for this work and adapted to favorite tunes, are now published for the first time. Inasmuch as you represent all ages, some being older, others younger, the aim has been to furnish Hymns suitable for all. Some of the Hymns are directly missionary in their character, while others are only indirectly so; by which is meant, that while they contain no direct reference to missions, the end in view, it is believed, is not less effectually secured, by their fitness to excite gratitude and love to Christ, and zeal for His cause.

In conclusion, let me improve this hallowed time, devoted to the singing of sweet Christmas carols by the glad voices of children, and the general interchange of happy greetings and good wishes, to send you my own loving salutation in that form, which the blessed Saviour Himself used and taught His disciples to use—"Peace be with you!" that "peace which passeth all understanding."

E. S. C.

SCOTCH PLAINS, N. J.,
Christmas, 1878.

MISSION BAND HYMNAL

- 1 MISSIONARY CHANT. L. M.
- L**IFT up your heads, ye gates! swing wide,
Ye dazzling portals of the morn!
Forth let the Filial Godhead ride
On wings of cherubim upborne!
- 2 Nor dare, thou flushed and flattered East!
The Sun of Righteousness to stay,
Now that the long dark night hath ceased,
And souls are hungry for the day.
- 3 On mountain tops, bright heralds stand,
With beautiful and shining feet,
And publish over sea and land
The welcome tidings glad and sweet:
- 4 He comes! The sky is all on fire:
We see the bannered pomp unfurled,
The advancing Splendor rushing higher
To flood and overflow the world!

ABRAHAM COLLES.

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

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STELLA. L. M.

“WHAT means this glory round our feet,”
The Magi mused, “more bright than morn?”
And voices chanted strong and sweet,
“To-day, the Prince of Peace is born!”

2 “What means this star,” the shepherds said,
“That brightens through the rocky glen?”
And angels answering overhead,
Sang “Peace on earth, good will to men!”

3 ’Tis eighteen hundred years and more,
Since those sweet oracles were dumb;
We wait for Him like them of yore;
Alas! He seems so long to come!

4 But it was said in words of gold,
No time or sorrow e’er shall dim,
That little children might be bold,
In perfect trust to come to Him.

5 All round about our feet shall shine
A light, like that the wise men saw,
If we our loving wills incline
To that sweet Life which is the Law.