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To the memory of

**Robert H. McBurney**

for many years the beloved General Secretary of the  
Young Men's Christian Association  
in the city of New York,

a connoisseur and lover of devotional lyrics,

the remembrance of whose friendship

and tender regard will remain a

sweet fragrance in the realm of personal recollections,

this volume is affectionately dedicated

by the Author

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### Preface

The verses contained in this collection do not pretend to be anything else than a reverberation of the "sounds of the heart," as the name implies.

They were written for the most part during a period of protracted isolation in the British Guiana wilderness. Not a few of the verses are the direct outgrowth of the peculiar restraint then imposed on me by being left without a single white companion, without means of communication, and seemingly forgotten even by those whose earlier enthusiasm in a new missionary enterprise had not been equal to the test of disappointment and misfortune.

What seemed a disaster to them (and at the time to myself also) proved in the end a great personal blessing, for the very helplessness of the situation drove me to a far deeper sense of conscious dependence on God than I had ever before possessed.

"'Twas then there came to me a song"

and if its reproduction at this time shall prove of help and encouragement to any fellow pilgrim, no one will be more grateful for the outcome than—

THE AUTHOR.

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## Song

"Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord."

*Psalm 138 : 5*