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"Now, in thy youth, beseech of Him
Who giveth, upbraiding not,
That his light in thy heart become not dim,
And his love be unforgot;
And thy God, in the darkest of days will be
Greenness, and beauty, and strength to thee."

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P R E F A C E .

It will not, perhaps, be considered irrelevant to state the object of the author in presenting this little work to the public. Every thing that tends to interest the young in religion, must be desirable to christian parents; and there is probably no religious exercise so agreeable to children, as that of committing hymns to memory.

In the various and beautiful selections of devotional poetry which adorn our literature, there are but few hymns adapted to the comprehension of children; and this little work has been written with the view of supplying a volume suitable for youth. The hymns are intended, (with the selected texts of scripture,) for Sabbath lessons; and may be used by all

parents and teachers, who wish to bring up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

In this humble attempt to advance the cause of the Redeemer, the author has been encouraged by a conviction of the great importance of early religious culture.

Christian parent, although the seed be small when sown in the bosom of thy offspring, yet, by God's blessing, it will not die. And although for years it may be, (as it too often is,) unfruitful; still, when the dew of God's grace shall visit that young heart, it will not fall on sterile ground—and the seed planted will spring up, and blossom, and at length yield an abundant harvest.

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