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*"Read from some humble poet,
Whose songs rushed from his heart,
As showers from the cloud of summer,
Or tears from the eyelids start."*

LONGFELLOW.

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PREFACE.

IN publishing this little volume, I feel it necessary to claim the kind indulgence of the reader for these unpretending poems, which were in the first instance so essentially written for my own friends. I am well aware that they can, critically speaking, boast of no poetic merit, and only be of value to those kindred spirits that may have thrilled to the same emotions, and may find in these verses an echo of their own feelings and impressions. If a glance into my little book can brighten an hour of weariness, or soothe a moment of suffering; if but one fainting heart can find in its pages a word of comfort or encouragement, then indeed will my aim be attained and God's blessing rest on these simple strains!

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February, 1909.

"The Lays of Faith and Love," as graciously accepted by H.M. the King, and under the distinguished patronage of H.M. the Queen, His late Majesty King Oscar of Sweden, K.G., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., and over fifty Bishops.

An Anthology, or Nosegay, culled from unasked opinions and expressions of appreciation from Bishops, Clergy, etc.

The ex-Archbishop of York—

"You very lightly speak of your poems as unpretending; but they are by no means without power, and I hope they may bring comfort to not a few who may find them in their homes."

The Archbishop of Armagh—

"My good wishes."

The Archbishop of Dublin—

"I have read your poems with interest; they are touching and fine."

The Bishop of Durham—

"I like your sweet verses much. I trust that even in these days, when verse is not so much sought for as it was, you may find many purchasers."

The Bishop of Norwich—

“ I wish you every success in your enterprise.”

The Duke of Argyle, K.G.—

“ Many thanks for letting me see your pleasant poems.”

The Dean of Hereford (The Very Rev. and Hon. J. Wentworth Leigh)—

“ It may interest you to know that I read your little book with much gratification and, I hope, profit.”

The Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G. (late Minister of Education for S. Australia).—

“ I congratulate you.”