PREFACE.

M USICAL culture among the people has greatly advanced during the last fifteen or twenty years, and to keep pace with this tendency we have embraced in this book, music that will elevate, refine and improve the taste; and while this purpose has been kept steadily in view, we have as earnestly endeavored to meet the want of the average choir by including a large proportion of music easy of execution, and at the same time pure in style, pleasing to the ear, and rich in harmony. Leaders of choirs and others will readily find a large variety of Anthems and Pieces suitable for special occasions, as well as an ample supply for Sabbath services. A special feature of the work is the introduction of a number of favourite Quartettes for Male Voices, which will be gladly welcomed and appreciated. It will be seen, that wherever possible, we have set the music in the short score. This style will not only be convenient for the organist, but has enabled us to compress into the book more than one hundred Anthems and Pieces. Symphonies and accompaniments have been inserted wherever requisite.

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If we have inadvertantly trespassed upon the rights of any, we trust that the mention of the matter here, and an apology tendered, will be sufficient to exonerate us from serious blame.

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