

PREFACE

THIS unpretentious collection of Scottish Love Songs is intended to form a companion volume to the "Love Songs of France," which has received considerable favor from the public, both in this country and abroad. It is hoped that the "Love Songs of Scotland" will not prove less acceptable than the former work, although, of course, there are many more collections of Scottish poetry before the English-speaking public than of French.

The scope of the present book is necessarily very limited, and many representative pieces which otherwise should have been included are perforce omitted, not because of unworthiness, but for simple lack of space. As a matter of fact, there is no literature in the world so rich in poems of the tender passion as that of Scotland. Indeed, there is a very embarrassment of riches in this field, and the great difficulty has been to suppress one's inclinations and resolutely reject many gems which by their perfection of beauty and