

PREFACE.

The Directors invited the following brethren to assist : Professors T. H. Rand, D.C.L., E. M. Keirstead, M.A., Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., Rev. George Armstrong, D.D., Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., and Stephen Selden, Esq.

The work of compilation began immediately, and, after some delays, was completed at the close of 1887.

The whole work has been under the direct supervision of A. P. Shand, Esq., Rev. J. W. Manning, B.A., and Professor E. M. Keirstead, M.A.

The thanks of the Society are due and are hereby presented to all these brethren and others for services rendered.

In the preparation of the Canadian Baptist Hymnal use has been made of the following Hymn-Books : the Psalmist, the Service of Song, the Calvary Selection, the Baptist Hymnal, and the English Baptist Hymnal. A few original hymns by local authors have also found a place in the collection, which will in no wise detract from the merits of the book.

The collection contains hymns from two hundred and fifty-eight authors.

The pleasant duty remains of thanking most heartily the authors or their representatives for the kind permission to use their hymns. The names of authors are invariably appended to their hymns, and to them all the Society tender their most grateful acknowledgments.

In some cases it has been found impossible to discover the addresses of authors or their representatives, but the