

PREFACE.

IN dedicating this selection of Hymns to the Baptist Churches of Canada, the compiler hopes that it will supply a real and felt want. The price, as well as the size of "The Psalmist," Spurgeon's "Our Own Hymn Book," and "The Sabbath Hymn Book" render them unavailable for general use in our Prayer Meetings and other Social Religious gatherings, while the smaller Hymn Books are objectionable to many on account of the number of adapted songs and ditties they contain, as well as for other reasons.

The greater part of the Hymns are taken from "Our Own Hymn Book." The names of their authors and the dates of their composition are also given, so far as known. They are also exempted from the injury which modern Hymn critics are so ready to inflict on our choicest Hymns by alterations.

May the Great Head of the Church, who is worthy of the praises of all his creatures, give his blessing with this little book, so that it may prove of spiritual benefit to all who make use of it in the sweet service of song!

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