

## PREFACE.

Whilst tendering my warm thanks to the Lord's sweet Songsters, whoever, and wherever they may be, in enabling me to make this Collection of Hymns, for the use of a Church, meeting in the Master's Name, by laying hands upon whatever was good and beautiful of their compositions ; a felt need must be my apology for alterations found in many Hymns ; either by way of improvement,—at least to my mind,—or by necessity ; on account of unscriptural doctrine which they contained.

Hymns are an excellent vehicle for containing Truth, as well as impressing it on the mind ; they are equally so with regard to Error.

By way of explanation, I may say, that some of these Hymns have been re-written ; and some have been composed by selecting single verses, or more, from several sources, containing some precious Truth sweetly expressed,—like an oasis in a desert,—and stringing them together, with the alterations required in rhyme or metre, so as to make a whole Hymn out of the pieces ; otherwise the Collection, small, on purpose that the Hymns may be frequently used, would have grown too large.

A few Hymns with the initials **W. B.** appended, are the composition of the Author of this Hymnal ; to the use of which any Christian is welcome, should they be deemed worthy of his needs.

The Lord bless the Songs and the Singers for His Name's sake.

TORONTO, January, 1897.

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