

Songs of Christian Life and Work.

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Our friend, Mr. Bowman Stephenson, has devoted himself with enthusiasm to the work to which he has been providentially called, the rescue of little orphan waifs "from the Arabia Petræa of the stony streets" of London, and their transfer to the "Arabia Felix of happy Canadian homes." The history of this noble philanthropy, with four engravings of the Homes in England and in Canada, are given in this book. It also contains thirty-six approved "Gospel Hymns" with music, many of which are Mr. Stephenson's own composition. That gentleman was the first who "sang the Gospel" in Great Britain, long before either Mr. Phillips or Mr. Sankey. During his visit to Canada we hope that he will sing in many of our assemblies those songs of Zion which have won their winsome way into the hearts of the roughs of the New Cut and Lambeth Lane, among whom he has carried on successful evangelistic work, and which have charmed the cultured ears of immense audiences at Brighton and London. The Home maintains 450 children and needs liberal aid. The profits of this book and all other monies received during his visit are sacredly devoted to the support of the children. We hope that many in Canada will show their practical sympathy with this grand Christian enterprise by their liberal contributions.

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