

PREFACE.

Desirous of providing a suitable Connexional Sabbath-school Hymn Book, principally for the use of Wesleyan Institutions in Canada, the Book Committee have authorized the publication of the following Collection of Sacred Poems, designed to assist in Devotional Exercises, either in the Sunday-school or the social circle. Guided by catholicity of spirit, those upon whom has devolved the pleasurable duty of selection, have not been restrained by any denominational tendency, but wherever religious sentiment and poetry have been found, the productions of sanctified genius have been joyfully united, regardless of names or forms. The compiler is, therefore, not without hope he may have been assisting the labours of evangelical organizations, engaged in the culture of youthful minds, who may use this collection of Sacred Hymns; they being free from controversial or doubtful theology. The blessing of the undivided and Holy Trinity is devoutly implored to rest upon this unpretending offering.

ENOCH WOOD,

President of the Conference.

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