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SELECTED PSALMS, contains words taken from psalms 24, 121, 46, 91, 23 and 139, as follows; The Earth is the Lord's; I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills; God is Our Refuge; He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place; The Lord is My Shepherd, and Search Me, O God and Know My Heart. Songs of vigor, majestic, broad in tempo, with flowing melody and animation, are these. Seldom has a composer so thoroughly wedded text and music as in these, which too, are not difficult. One wonders at such big effects with such simple means! But this is a mark of artistic construction.

WORDS OF PRAYER AND LOVE may be termed songs of devotion, for they echo this spirit. They are; Lead Me to Light; God, and God Alone is Love; The Prayer; Thou Leadest Me; While the Days Are Going By; God's Love, and contain music of altogether beautiful quality, prayerful, gentle, appealing, set to poems of unusual quality. Such an one is God Is Love. Quoting a part:

Eagerly the world is waiting

For a little word of love;

It is weary of its hating and is

Crying out for love.

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