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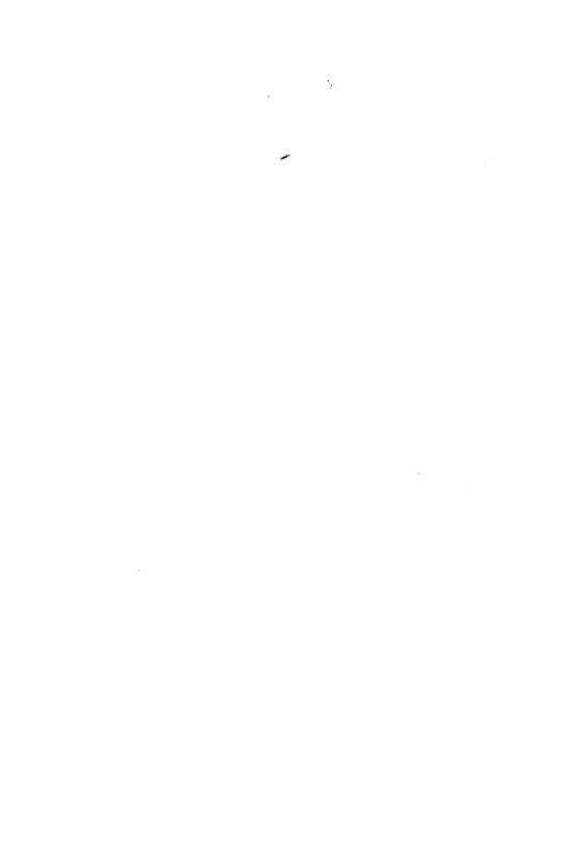
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PREFACE

The Psalms are used largely for devotional purposes. As expressions of penitence and dependence, of faith in God and thanksgiving for mercies received, of humility and devout aspiration, they will never be superseded. They voice the deepest sentiments and record the richest experiences of devout souls of all times. So long as human nature remains what it is, the Psalms of David and his companion poets will hold a permanent place in the devotional literature of the spiritual Israel.

Mrs. Charles has beautifully said, "Beginning often in the tumultuous depths, these Psalms soar into the calm light of heaven. An inspired liturgy for all time, and the prophetic utterance of a sorrow which knew no equal, they are yet the natural expression of the struggles and hopes, the repentings and thanksgivings of the human hearts who first spoke them."

These words affirm that David was more than "the sweet singer of Israel," and that the inspired Psalms had other purposes than simply devotional. David and his companions were prophets of God, in the sense of foreseers and foretellers, who were