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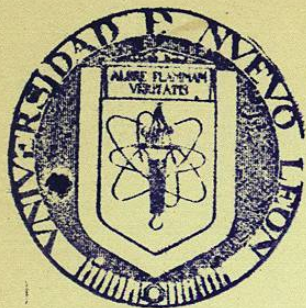
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TO ALL MY FRIENDS
IN BOTH WORLDS

INTRODUCTION: BY WILL
CARLETON.

All over this country, and, one might say, the world, Fanny Crosby's hymns are singing themselves into the hearts and souls of the people. They have been doing this for many years, and will do so as long as our civilization lasts. There are to-day used in religious meetings, more of her inspired lines, than of any other poet, living or dead. Not only those hymns with which she is credited in the singing-books, but thousands of others, have come from her heart and mind; for she has written, not only under her own name, but several nom-de-plumes. Her sacred lyrics have been translated into several languages. She is easily the greatest living writer of hymns, and will always occupy a high place among authors.

But what of Fanny Crosby the woman? Is her personality as sweet and inspiring as her poems? Has her life been an exemplification and illustration of them?

From those of us that know her well, such questions would elicit a smile. Whoever has had opportunity of witnessing her patience, her sweetness of thought and life, her bright winsomeness and her all-around and all-through goodness, would not even take the trouble to answer in the affirmative; he

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would say, "There she is; there is her life; let them speak for themselves."

But compared to the thousands that have sung her inspiring hymns and partaken of her gentle spirit, few, of course, can have the opportunity of knowing her personally; and it is natural that all should wish to learn as much about her as possible.

In this book is an account of her life, told by herself, and as she only could tell it. There are several of her newest hymns; a few of the many tributes that she has received; and the latest portrait of her, taken expressly for this book. Every copy of the work that is sold, adds substantially and immediately to the comfort of this grand woman, who has been singing in such far-reaching tones, the praise of her God and her Christ, for sixty years.

The response will, no doubt, be such as to convince our dear Fanny Crosby that she occupies a warm place in the hearts of the people, and that she is sure of their love, their honor, and their practical appreciation.

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IT seemed intended by the blessed Provi-
dence of God, that I should be blind all
my life; and I thank Him for the dispen-
sation. I was born with a pair of as good
eyes as any baby ever owned; but when I was
six weeks of age, a slight touch of inflamma-
tion came upon them: and they were put under
the care of a physician.

What he did to them, or what happened in
spite of him, I do not know, but it resulted in
their permanent destruction, so far as seeing is
concerned; and I was doomed to blindness all
the rest of my earthly existence.

I have heard that this physician never ceased
expressing his regret at the occurrence; and
that it was one of the sorrows of his life. But