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RUTH

A DRAMATIC ORATORIO

THE WORDS SELECTED FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BY

JOSEPH BENNETT

THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY

FREDERIC H. COWEN.

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There are choruses in "Ruth" which surprise the candid and intelligent observer, to whom the natural bent of the composer's genius is no secret. Here, indeed, we have the handler of the goldsmith's delicate tools wielding the hammer of Thor and bringing it down to some purpose, revealing strength, energy, and decision for the exact measure of which few could have been prepared. . . . There now remains only to congratulate the composer upon a successful achievement, and upon the favour with which the work was obviously received by a profoundly attentive audience.

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