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"Janet rushed up to her father, and taking his hand in hers, and looking up into his face, said, I am no longer blind."—p. 155.

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TO

MY DEAR WIFE,

WHOSE KINDLY HELP AND GENEROUS HINTS

Have inspired

MANY OF THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW,

AND WHO,

IN THE EVENINGS WHEN THEY WERE WRITTEN,

AFTER DAYS OF HARD PROFESSIONAL WORK

IN A STREN AND EXHAUSTING FIELD OF LABOUR,

WITH A TRUE WOMAN'S TACT AND THOUGHTFULNESS,

ENCOURAGED AND CHEERED HER HUSBAND

BY A BRIGHT FACE AND A HAPPY HOME,

THIS STORY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Is DEDICATED.



## PREFACE.

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I CANNOT resist the temptation to say a few preliminary words in committing my story to the consideration of that very acute and exacting section of society—the juvenile public, than whom no more severe critics exist. I do hope they will be kind to me, not from any merit of my own, but because I have struggled hard and earnestly to secure their approval. The story that appears in the pages which follow was, in the main, conceived many years ago, when continued disappointments and systematic refusals attended all my literary efforts, and I consequently had not the heart to sit down and put it into shape, on a very remote chance of its ever appearing in print, much less being paid for. But better times came, the tide changed, and although it has not, nor is it likely to lead on to fortune, at least brought with it an opportunity—the old ideas were conjured up and moulded into expression, and Janet—a cherished and familiar companion in my thoughts—made her appearance in public—I only hope to become as dear to my young people as she has always been to me. I have somehow or other a fancy in my brain that it will be urged against my story, that too much prominence has been given to the grown-up characters; the accusation may or