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## PREFACE.

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THE casual remark of a friend long experienced in the business of education, that a want was felt in schools of some set of lessons proper to succeed the spelling-books, first drew the attention of the author to the object of the following work.

It appeared to her almost self-evident, that for the use of pupils of that tender age, pieces written expressly must possess many advantages over the most judicious selections from the works of standard writers, who composed without the purpose of adapting either their style or their reflections to the capacity of childhood. Her own portfolio contained a considerable store of such pieces, which had been designed as

lessons for children in whom both natural affection, and a love of their guileless age, had prompted her to take the strongest interest.

To revise these sketches, and to add to their number, has proved a welcome occupation and amusement to herself, during a state of indisposition which precluded all steady application to severer studies. Should it also be found on trial adapted to its purpose of supplying an useful and agreeable exercise in the art of reading, to the younger classes of learners, the satisfaction of its Author will be complete.

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