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## PREFACE.

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The books that we read become a part of ourselves. They not only enter into our mental make-up, but they influence our thinking to such an extent as to become part of the moral fibre of our characters. Give to the children the right kind of reading and their whole lives will be affected by it.

Children love stories. They love to read about children who think and act as they themselves might think and act; and the stories they read should give them noble and sensible views of life.

In the stories of this book, I have sought to present the principles which underlie right actions, in such plain and simple form as to be easily understood by young children. I have endeavored thus to prepare them to fight the battle with evil which they must fight, if they are to become true men and women.

This book was written, primarily, for use in the schoolroom, and is especially adapted to such use. The teachers who use the book, should do more than simply allow the children to read the

stories. Each story, after being read, should be discussed. The teacher, by careful questioning, should lead the children to see the truth taught. This will require preparation on the part of the teacher, as in the discussion of moral questions she must be sure of her ground.

Our public schools have often been condemned for doing so little toward character building. There should be no ground for such complaint. The teacher who seeks to train the bodies and minds of her pupils, without striving also to train their souls, can never know the joy she should know in her work. Soul cultivation is a work of most absorbing interest.

It is the earnest wish of the author of this book that it may be of use to her fellow-workers, in their efforts to teach the children to see the beauty of goodness and to make their own lives good and true.

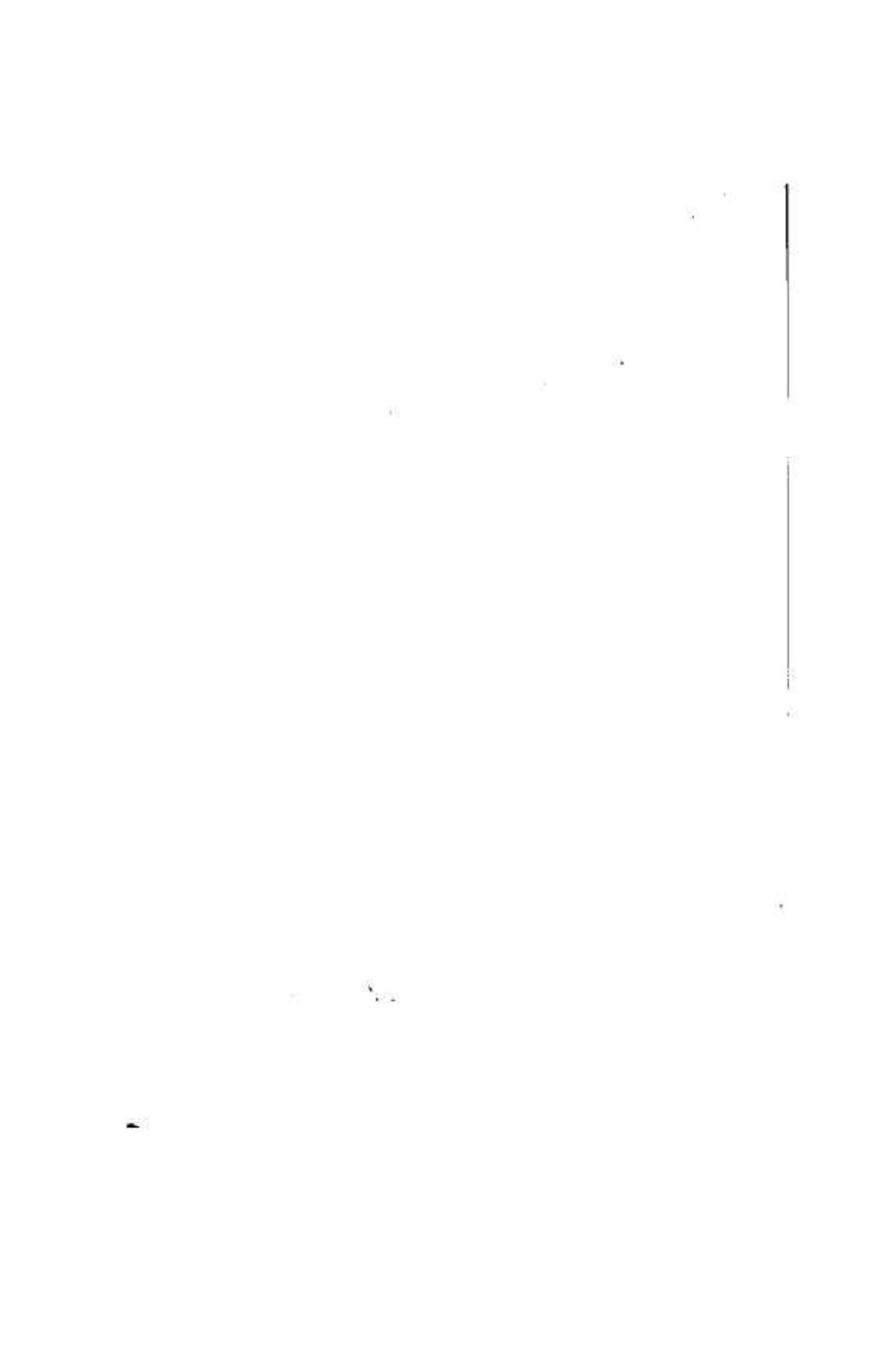
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## CHAPTER I.

### OBEDIENCE.

Did you ever think, boys and girls, what a very delightful thing it is to belong to a family? Your home is a little kingdom, your father and mother the rulers, the children the subjects. You should be true and loyal subjects, always kind and loving. Your home should be the dearest spot on earth, to you, your father and mother, brothers and sisters, the best beloved. You ought to be patient with each other. You ought to be thoughtful and tender, and by loving self-denial and cheerful service, do your part toward making your family a happy family.

Beside this, you ought to obey your parents. You ought to give them cheerful and prompt obedience. Your parents know what you ought