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P R E F A C E .



MY DEAR READER,—

Lest you might dream that these pages were penned by an aged woman with bent form, grey hair, and wrinkled brow, let me assure you that such is not the case. Pray do not expect from this book the weighty teaching which such age and experience alone could give. But think of the writer as of one still young enough to sympathize with the longings and desires of early and unfolding womanhood ; neither learned nor "straight-laced," but with a heart bubbling over with thoughts she yearns to communicate, and with pleasures she is eager to share.

You may like to know, and as I have this opportunity I may as well explain, that the cases and illustrations made use of in this book are genuine portraits,—sketches from life. It

would not be quite fair to give the names of my heroes and heroines, but if necessary I could do so.

May I give you a word of advice; do not skim my book, but *read it*, and please (if you will allow me to suggest it) do not begin at the last chapter! It is a little peculiarity of my own to like to be read straight through, not backwards but forwards! If this Preface came at the close of this little volume instead of at its commencement, I feel sure you would have no difficulty in believing me to be

Your sincere Friend,

ISABEL REANEY.

P.S.—If, after reading my book, *you* feel to be “bubbling over” with thoughts you wish to communicate, I shall be very pleased to receive a letter from you. Address—

MRS. G. S. REANEY,

Reading,

Christmas, 1880.

Berks.

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