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## PREFACE.

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In presenting this book to the public, it may not be amiss to assure the reader that it is founded on facts.

The heroine of this story still exists; and we find such instances take place every day among our own circle of acquaintance. In the ensuing pages, the reader will find that it requires a pure mind and a true and noble heart to avoid the iniquities and temptations that are spread before us; and here we find one who rejected the counsel of the serpent, which made every effort to tempt her. At the hour of trial she was not crushed by the overwhelming grief and difficulties which surrounded her; but took her place, with firm zeal, in the field of industry; and, after many impediments, joy crowned her labor.

I hope the reader will excuse any mistakes, as the author is deprived of the most useful of all faculties, that of eyesight.

MARY J. SALTER.





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