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## PREFACE.

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SOLOMON says, "In making of books there is no end;" and as he was a man that looked a little under the surface of things, he well understood human nature in that aspect. We all like to air our own ideas, as Byron has put it in his own withering sarcasm—

"'Tis pleasant sure to see one's name in print,  
A book's a book, although there's nothing in't."

I am not going to say whether there is much, little, or nothing in this volume, but shall just allow it to speak for itself, should it have the good fortune to be heard among the many voices that command attention. But, should it fall like a drop in the mighty ocean, and be as if it had not been, what then? Not much to the world, of course, but something to me, who would be delighted to see it making progress, be it ever so little, and sorry should it receive nothing but the cold shoulder on every hand.



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