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PREFACE.

THE details of plain domestic life must, in a measure, be everywhere the same. The object of the following story is to combine these with healthful moral instruction, and to show how a firm reliance upon an overruling Providence, and earnest endeavours to promote the good of others, will insure our own happiness.

The scene has been laid in one of our Western States; the one, as yet, but imperfectly developed in its resources or in its power, but, nevertheless, advancing with great rapidity in civilization, and destined to take its true place among the fertile regions of the West. A family in moderate circumstances has been chosen, to show that the ability to do good lies not so much in wealth as in well-directed effort. The sweet ties of family affection and individual influence are recognised; and our readers will permit the hope, that, without startling incident, great exploit, or magnificent undertaking, the simple history of the Moreton family will possess an interest for them, and awaken in their hearts a growing love for our beloved country, and an earnest desire so to live, and so to use the means God may put in their power, as to promote its true prosperity—realizing, by our own experience, that "happy is that people whose God is the Lord!"



PART I. LAURELTON.

