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## PREFACE.

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A YEAR or two ago, in the bright spring-time, when all the world was gay with blossoms and butterflies, I happened to call upon a lady I know who was living at Richmond. I had scarcely spoken to my friend when her little boy came running into the drawing-room, and after kissing me and welcoming me very prettily, announced that it was Nelly's birthday. Nelly was his sister—the only girl; and my little friend then talking to me was the only boy.

"This is Nelly's birthday," said Guy; "she is nine years old to-day, so she is two years older than I am."

"I wish I had known it was her birthday," said I; "I would have brought her a box of bon-bons. But I should like to see Nelly, and wish her 'many happy returns of the day.'"

"I'm sorry to say she isn't very happy just now," said Guy.

"Why not?" I inquired.

"Because Uncle George gave her a beautiful desk, fitted up in the most lovely way, with stamped paper and everything; and mamma told her she must at once write him a letter thanking him for it; and she is doing it now," said Guy, "and crying. She says she doesn't know what to say."

On hearing this I begged permission to go and help Nelly,

and she soon finished her note. But I was so sorry to see the little girl in tears on her birthday, when everything around her seemed full of happiness,—the sun shining, the birds singing, and all her friends sending her presents and good wishes,—that I thought I should like to write a book that might be a help to little writers : and here it is.

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