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INTRODUCTION.

IN offering to the public this work on the "Rebellion in the United States," it is done with not a little embarrassment, and many fears and anxieties, known only to those who, for the first time in their life, under their own real signature, have brought before the public, to any considerable extent, the effusions of their pen.

In bringing this little volume before the people, the authoress lays no claim to rare talents, or great abilities as a "historian," nor expects to win unheard-of laurels; but to give to the world a plain, simple, unvarnished account of passing events as they actually occur; and she has endeavored in this work to "separate the wheat from the chaff," or, in other words, to give the truth in its purity, and cast aside the fiction.

In submitting this work to the criticism of the press and the people, it is done with a thorough knowledge of her own incompetency, and she is fully aware that abler pens than hers are being wielded in the work of narrating this stupendous rebellion.*

In preparing this "History," the authoress has endeavored, for the time being, as far as possible, to divest

herself of prejudice, or at least to disguise her own real sentiments, and stand upon "neutral ground," which is the only true position of the "historian," and to give only facts, without regard to party or political bearing,—writing not to win the friendship of any, but hoping for the favor of all. To record the circumstances, and give an account of the revolution as it is, the vastness of its field of operations renders it a work of great labor to produce a history which shall be at once clear and minute, and such a one as shall be worthy to be preserved for generations yet to come, as well as a repository of the events of the time.

Professing to stand in the shade of obscurity, and sending forth this volume to tell its own story of the "Rebellion," the writer leaves it to the sound judgment of an enlightened public to approve or condemn.

In conclusion, the authoress submits this her first edition on the "Rebellion" to that "august tribunal," the reading public of the nineteenth century, and can but express the hope that the eye of the critic will glance lightly over it, and the learned and able of the press will touch it with a gentle hand, for on them, in a great measure, depends the success of this work; therefore hoping they will give it a careful perusal, and speak of it according to its just merits.

J. B. F.

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