

INTRODUCTION.

I do sincerely hope that the motives that have prompted me to publish the plain truths contained in this pamphlet will be understood by all. They *are* truths, and truths that apply to the practical lives of all alike, and it is a sincere desire to do good that prompts me to publish them; and if I can in a measure accomplish my object, I will most willingly face all the obloquy that can possibly be heaped upon me by those *canting hypocrites* that dwell in *whited sepulchres*, and advertise on the outer walls, in large and glaring letters, "*All is pure within; we are immaculate; nothing you can say interests us*, and we do not wish to be shocked and horrified by what you can say respecting vice." It does interest you. You may put on a faultless exterior if you like, but it will not prevent your mind from wandering in the seductive fields of imagination, and temptation to commune with images, beautiful but impure, that would lead you on to forbidden things that lie beyond, and finally to destruction. "Keep yourself from opportunity, and God will keep you from sin."