

PREFACE.

In introducing this little Book of Songs to the lovers of poetry and especially to Newfoundlanders, no matter in whatsoever part of the world they may dwell, I trust they will find in almost every line some subject of interest, and probably it will bring to their memory some half-forgotten scene and romantic pleasure of their early childhood.

The various pieces were composed from time to time during the past twenty-five years, the subject of each effort suggests to the reader the time and occasion of its writing.

After deep thought and consideration I decided to bring these poems before the public for its approval. Hoping my humble efforts will be appreciated by those who like to hear the beauties of nature turned into song.

I am, yours respectfully,

NICHOLAS PEDDEL.

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