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PREFACE TO THE CANADIAN EDITION.

"THERE are some things," says the genial and thoughtful author of *A Book about Dominies*, "which a boy learns from none so well as his parents, but there are others which are better taught him by men who have made education the study and business of their lives." Is it not the case, however, that much is too often left to the *teaching* of the school which should have been *learned* in the home? And in the home is it not often found that those things which a child best learns from its parents are never learned; and that, if domestic discipline be enforced at all, it is often fitful and capricious, and too frequently the result of accident or impulse?

Seldom insensitive to the finer chords of feeling and emotion, the thousand and one influences of the household, which mould and fashion the man to be, are often allowed their play with but little consideration of the impress they leave upon, or the bent they give to, the young mind.

True, children are great sources of tribulation; and the guiding and restraining reins are often removed in despair of tutoring the young Ishmaelites. To

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