

INTRODUCTION.

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THE request of the author that I should write a few words of preface to this collection of poems must be my excuse for obtruding myself upon the reader. Having frequently had the pleasure, as editor of *The Canadian Monthly*, of introducing many of Mrs. MacLean's poems to lovers of verse in the Dominion, it was thought not unfitting that I should act as foster-father to the collection of them here made, and to bespeak for the volume, at the hands at least of all Canadians, the appreciative and kindly reception due to a

"Child of the first winds and suns of a nation."

Accepting the task assigned to me, the more readily as I discern the high and sustained excellence of the collection as a whole, let me ask that the volume be received with interest, as a further and most meritorious contribution to the poetical literature of our young country (the least that can be said of the work), and with sympathy for the intellectual and moral aspirations that have called it into being.