

PREFACE.

THESE little pieces of poetry were written by my youngest daughter, in the year 1892, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, at the foot of the Thousand Islands. In the summer of 1891 we lived in a cottage on the river bank, looking out on the Brock group of islands. We moved away from the river before the cold weather set in, and did not go back to the cottage in the following summer. This will explain how some of the pieces came to be written, and English readers will probably understand that some of the things spoken of are Canadian. The "chipmunk" is a pretty striped squirrel, the "loon" is the Great Northern Diver, the "canary" is the native wild one, and the "hepatica," "spring-beauty," and "star-flower" are common wild flowers of Canada.

The verses here presented are selections from some sixty pieces written during the year 1892, and are printed for relatives and friends. But it is hoped that they may be found sufficiently interesting for other persons to read, both on account of the tender age of the writer, and also because of the fact that she never went to any school. In view of