

PREFACE.

Success of former series, and to supply a still further felt want, have been promptings in favor of issuing the present volume.

To keep up with the growing taste for variety, and infuse just enough of the *mirthful*, have been special aims in this collection. Particular care has been taken to incorporate richly suggestive thought, pure sentiment and elevating idea, intermingling Christian wisdom with hearty, good, social frolic. A large proportion of the pieces are ORIGINAL, the rest rare, and picked with great painstaking from extensive fields. A very versatile variety, well adapted to the purpose, in small bulk, will be found in this book, taking for granted that the intention is accomplished.

JACOB SPENCE.

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