

P R E F A C E .

IN presenting this little work to the public, the Author feels that some explanations are requisite, and these she is prepared, briefly, to state. "Scenes in the Life of a Halifax Belle" was published, some years ago, in one of the weekly periodicals. It appeared, however, in detached portions, and very irregularly, so that few who obtained part of the story were able to procure the whole, while to the great majority of the citizens of Halifax it was utterly unknown. Many, therefore, having anxiously expressed a wish to have it in a permanent form, the Writer concluded to publish it in a pamphlet. Should it meet with the success anticipated, the Author proposes publishing a series of original Tales, each complete in itself, and a few of which will form a good-sized volume.

She also embraces this opportunity of presenting her grateful acknowledgments to the patrons of the "Æolian Harp," and the Press generally, throughout this and the neighboring Province, for the encouraging manner in which