

PREFACE.

IN presenting, at the earnest solicitation of many friends, the following pages to the public, the writer is aware that, in the estimation of some persons, any attempt to inculcate national or patriotic sentiments in the minds of Canadians is a fanciful undertaking. While hoping for "the good time coming," when

"Man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be, and a' that,"

the writer confesses he has little respect for the cosmopolitanism which would discourage every demonstration of love for the country of our birth and cherished regard for the land of our forefathers.

The importation of the party issues, feuds and animosities of the old world, to our young and free Dominion, cannot be too strongly deprecated; yet a generous cultivation of love for England, Ireland, Scotland, or France, by such of our citizens as connected by birth or descent to any of these countries,