



PREFACE.

THE authoress of this book, after laying past the pen for many years, presents herself to the reading public in the English language. The merits and demerits of it must express themselves in its being read; but should there be expressions not quite correct in English, I would beg my readers to be lenient in their criticisms, and kindly remember that I am a native of Germany. In my next work, which will very shortly appear, I may do better. As to the heroine of this book, my young friends will know that in every large school will be found a "Grace Morton," and it is the heartfelt wish of the authoress that she may come out of the fire as victorious as the "Grace Morton" of this book.