

APPENDIX

The first volume of HOME LYRICS was published during the life of the authoress, in 1876, receiving, amongst others, comments from the press as follows :

From the *Morning Post*, Jan. 4th, 1877.

The mantle of Mrs. Hemans may be said to have descended on Mrs. H. S. Battersby. She infuses into her poems the ardour of home affection ; her faith is pure, and her hope unswerving. Many of her verses have inspiration from the clear, bracing air of Canadian skies. She loves the grandeur of nature ; lofty rocks and waterfalls ; forests whitened with snows, and vast frozen lakes, smooth as polished marble, and solid as granite. He who delights in the fauna and flora of nature has in every clime

“ Which the eye of Heaven visits,”

a library fruitful of study and a pursuit which is innocent and healthful. Mrs. Battersby deduces a moral lesson in her spirited lines “To the Chaudière Falls, Canada”—

“ Oh, wild rolling waters ; oh, white-crested foam,
I, too, would press onward, right on to my home ;
Like thee, with stern purpose, let nothing impede,
Or cause me to falter in courage or speed.

“ My mission, like thine, is right onward to go,
Though tempests be raging and dark waters flow,
Oh, might I, like these, with firm, resolute voice,
Through dangers, and even through tempests, rejoice ! ”