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PREFACE.

I believe that it depends, in a very great degree, upon the lessons learned and ideas implanted in your childhood, to make you the strong, earnest men and women our country will need. *First* of all these lessons comes—trust in God.

A man who does not love God *may* love his country; but the true patriot is always the true Christian.

Make this your study, dear children, to know and follow Him who "hath so loved the world." Trusting and serving Him, we need not fear to leave in your hands the care of our child-nation—Canada.

He is faithful and true who hath promised to be "strength in the time of trouble to all who put their trust in Him."

For you, more especially, little girls, I have written the following pages; and if, through them, I help you to realize how uncertain and unstable the strongest earthly support is—if they help you to find the only reliable stronghold, in giving your hearts to the one sure Friend, my object shall have been well accomplished.

An earnest, Christian woman, whether mother,