

INTRODUCTION.

I HAVE much pleasure in complying with the request of my esteemed friend, the accomplished authoress of this book, in writing a brief introduction thereto. Not that I think that it needs any introduction. I believe that the book will make its way by its own merits without any aid of mine. Its story is so interesting, the subject is so important, the style is so attractive, and the spirit which it breathes will be so salutary in its effects upon the mental tastes and moral character of those who shall read it, that I anticipate for it a very widely extended sphere of influence.

This is unquestionably a book with a purpose. The interests of temperance and religion are kept constantly in view. The book strikingly illustrates the Scripture motto on which its teachings are based—"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Moreover, this is no air-drawn picture of the fancy. Its chief incidents, I am informed, are, alas, too true. The traits of character of the