PREFACE.

As a general rule, I do not believe in prefaces, but feeling bound to submit to the time-honored custom, I am free to confess that had I known the labor necessary to produce a first-class "Cookery Book," I should hardly have had the resolution to commence it. However, I have done my utmost to make it useful and acceptable to the ladies of the D .ninion of Canada. The recipes have been most carcally compiled, and valuable assistance has been rendered me by friends in the British Isles, France, Germany and the United States, to all of whom I tender my most sincere thanks. I also desire to record my grateful appreciation of the immense success my "Cookery Book" has met with. The number of orders already received for it convinces me that I have supplied a real want, and that my book will help my sisters to lighten their toil and gladden the hearts of their families.

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