

PREFACE.

THERE may be some who will feel a little startled at the thought of talking freely with children concerning those things which there is generally an effort made to hide from them. To such, as well as to others, I can only say that there is a danger of confounding purity of mind with ignorance. But they are not the same; they have nothing in common; the one is the offspring of light and truth, the other is the offspring of darkness.

There is certain knowledge, certain truths concerning life, which every child must learn, must gather from some source or other. This knowledge should be gained in the sanctuary of home, in sweet, confidential talks between parent and child. But, sad to say, those very things concerning which, above all others, the child should receive the carefulest, tenderest training it usually learns nothing at all of in the home.

The object of this little work is to brush aside some of the mysterious clouds and let the light shine into the childish mind; to tell in simple words some of the great truths of creative science. I have ever