## INTRODUCTION.

We had the pleasure of reading this volume in manuscript, and were profoundly impressed with its character. It is written with brilliant literary skill, with force and vivacity, with wit and humor, and with some touches of tragic pathos. It sketches Canadian country life, life in a hospital, Methodist preachers, Quarterly Boards, and other features of special interest to Methodist readers. It is a tremendous indictment of the liquor traffic, and sets forth the mission and power of woman to ennoble and bless society. It is full of religion as well as of fun, is not a bit preachy, but a heartsome, wholesome book. Some of the character-sketching is as strong as anything we know.

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