

## INTRODUCTION.

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It is with no vain desire to emulate the fine talents, and rare intellectual productions of the shining stars of Genius, who are reflecting a glorious halo of radiance around the earth at the present time, or presumptuously claim for myself even the most humble place amid those who command the homage of an admiring world, that I offer this little volume to the people of my native Province, indulging the hope that, with considerate kindness, they will overlook the errors which, I well know, will but too frequently mark its pages.

I would have them bear in mind, that many of the verses were written when scarcely past the period of childhood, and inspired only by thoughts of home and home-associations, and an admiration for all that is romantic and lovely in the wild scenery on the shores of the Chignecto. In this vast solitude, commemorated by reminiscences of the past, there is much to awaken feelings of sublimity; and with the burning eloquence of a Moore or Byron, and the wonderfully beautiful descriptive powers of a Longfellow or Bryant, I might have done a spot, so fraught with interest, full