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## PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION.

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THIS unpretending volume needs no explanation by way of Preface. The title-page speaks for itself. The verses were written for various stages of childhood,—some for the early, some for the middle, and others for the higher steps in the ascending ladder of intelligence. Therefore, though the language will, I hope, be found simple in all, yet many of these pieces are not intended for the nursery.

It is very probable that readers, less partial than those for whom they were originally written, may find in my verses too many signs of the circumstances under which they have been composed. The chamber of sick-



ness is better adapted for receiving instruction than for imparting pleasure; yet one of the many lessons taught therein is this:—that to cultivate a kindly sympathy towards all living things, favours the exercise of cheerfulness and of patience, under suffering and trial.

May we ever remember that there is One—and One alone—whose influence can make our hard hearts tender, and keep them so, from one stage of life's journey to another; and that His blessing is needed to energize sensibility into active and useful benevolence.

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KATIE LEE.