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To

WILLIAM BENFORD NELSON, Esq.

My dear Friend,

We owe so much to your friendship and sympathy, that I feel drawn to offer you a slight tribute of thanks, in a more lasting form than that of mere spoken words.

Yours affectionately and gratefully,

Katharine S. Macquoid.

Chelsea,

November, 1874.

M Y S T O R Y.

GERTRUDE'S PREFACE.

I HAVE been told that, if I put together all that I have from time to time written down about one part of my own life, it will be found interesting reading.

I can hardly believe this, and there is much recorded which I shrink from yielding to public notice, but Life has taught me that I am not the best judge in matters that affect me personally, and, therefore, I yield my opinion to one who has the right to judge for me; only I must tell my Story in my own way—sometimes brightly as it flashes out among much that is half-forgotten—sometimes slowly drawn from that which is so painfully burned into memory that it will read as if I had learnt it by heart before I set it down—sometimes by bits taken from the journal in which I used to set down that which happened to me, and also my foolish thoughts and hopes as they came.

I am not a well-read scholar. I have no power to reduce these fragments of a life into a smooth,