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THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND

This work, designed to portray and perpetuate their intellectual and spiritual ideals, as illustrated in their literature from the earliest time to the present day

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with the loyal regard and earnest good wishes of THE AUTHOR

PREFACE

This volume was prepared as the result of a movement begun on Maryland Day, March 25, 1909. The State Board of Education had assigned as a special topic for the day, "Maryland's Contribution to American Literature." To consider this subject, a meeting was held at the Johns Hopkins University, at which a committee was appointed to formulate plans for promoting a more general knowledge and appreciation of Maryland history and literature. It was here that the author of this volume conceived the idea of preparing a critical and descriptive account of the representative literary workers of the State of Maryland from its settlement to the present time.

Later, this special committee became merged, for similar effort, in the Randall Literary-Memorial Association, which aims to cherish the memory of James Ryder Randall, the author of the State anthem and, therefore, the most distinctive Maryland writer; and to associate with his name a "disinterested endeavor to learn and propagate the best that is known and thought in Maryland."

The committee commends this work of Dr. Shepherd to the public as a valuable presentation of the literary productiveness of the State, a fair proportion of which has won an abiding place in the comprehensive field of English literature; while much more that is worthy of remembrance has been neglected, or even forgotten. It is believed that this volume will serve the better to unite the present with the past through the record of its writers, and to stimulate the best endeavors of the literary workers of the future.

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