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PREFACE

"The Pioneers," the pleasant work of my later years, is an attempt to preserve to posterity some of the incidents common to frontier experience in this country, during the thirties and forties, the local coloring being drawn more particularly from the early settlement of Lake and McHenry counties, Illinois, where I have spent nearly the whole of my life.

The difference between those primitive days and the present is great, and the patient heroism of the old pioneers is of tender interest to us, and well worthy of sacred remembrance. The victories won over nature by these grand men were more glorious and more beneficent than any ever won in war.