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PREFACE.

I LOVE to look upon a young ^{man} man. There is a hidden potency concealed within his ^{heart} breast which charms and pains me. I silently ask, what will that youth accomplish in the after-time of his life? Will he take rank with the benefactors or with the scourges of his race? Will he, erewhile, exhibit the patriotic virtue of Hampden and Washington, or the selfish craftiness of Benedict Arnold? If he have genius, will he consecrate it, like Milton and Montgomery, to humanity and religion; or, like Moore and Byron, to the polluted altars of passion? If he have mercantile skill, will he employ it, like Astor or Girard, to gratify his lust of wealth; or to elevate and bless humanity, like some of our living merchant princes? If the gift of eloquence be hidden in his undeveloped soul, will he use it, like Summerfield, in favor of relig-

ion, or like Patrick Henry and Adams, in battling for human rights; or will he, for mammon's sake, prostitute that gift to the uses of tyranny and infidelity? Will that immortal soul, which beams with intelligence and power in his countenance, ally itself with its Creator, and thus rise to the sublime height of its destiny; or will it wage war with truth and duty, and thus sink to degradation and to death? As I raise these great queries, I at once do reverence to the high potentiality of his nature, and tremble for his fate. I feel a desire arising within me to bear a part in guiding him into the way of right, duty and happiness. As a fruit of that often-felt desire, I have written this book. May its success equal the ardor and sincerity of my wishes for the best good of young men.

DANIEL WISE.

Fall River, Nov. 1850.

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