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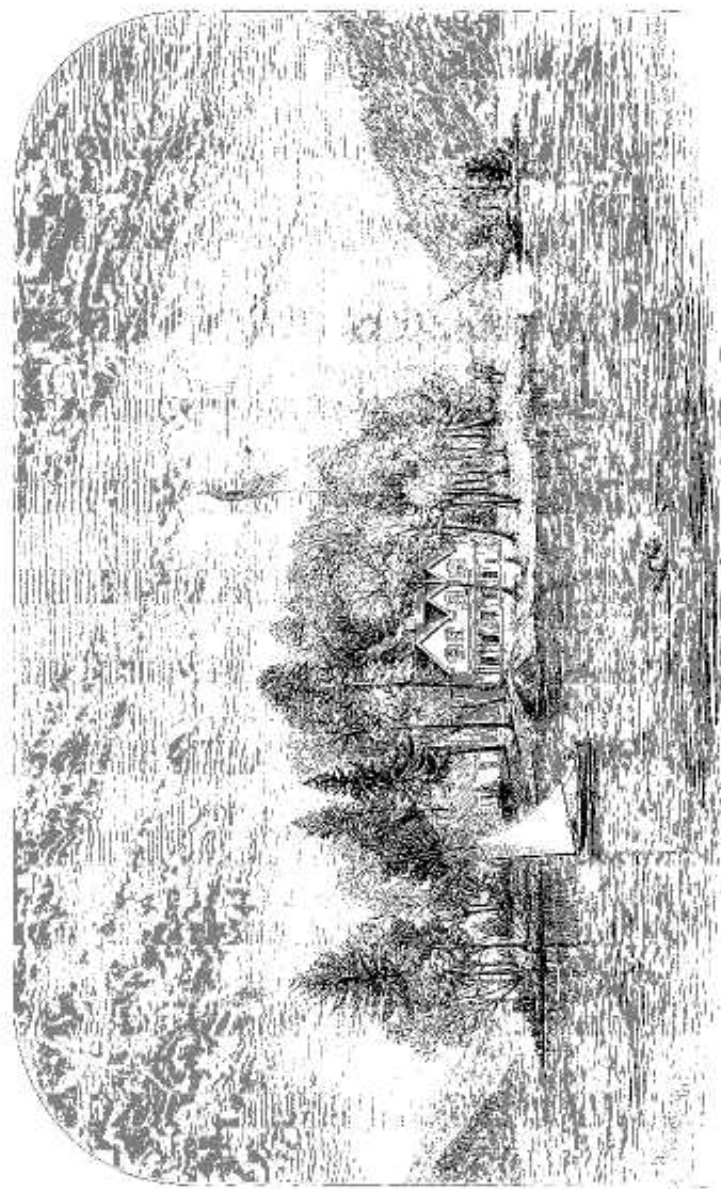
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## PREFACE.



THIS book is designed to convey, in a compact form, all that general readers may desire to know about Lake George.

The author was originally attracted to the subject by its rare charms, and afterwards persuaded to throw his thoughts into the present shape, for the reason that a book of this kind was actually needed; especially as Lake George has suffered so much at the hands of magazine writers and others, who have done little more than to transcribe popular errors.

In preparing this work the author has sifted out the legends from the facts, which, in the history of this Lake, are quite as romantic as any fiction, and has endeavored to base his statements on original authorities.

That no lake in America has greater claims to consideration, is abundantly proved by the increasing throngs of visitors who assemble at the Lake every summer. This is pre-eminently "Health's cheerful haunt." The pure air, the lovely scenes, and the numberless localities consecrated by song and story, form an attraction to which few persons could be insensible.



The tourist at the Lake will find this work a complete guide, and by following the author's suggestions he will gain an introduction to every point of interest.

The concluding chapter is chiefly the work of one of the author's friends. It will afford all the information needed in regard to the new stage-route to Schroon Lake and the Adirondacks, which connects Lake George with that entire region.

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