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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

THE SOCIAL CIRCLE IN CONCORD



Rhodora! if the eyes ask thee why  
This charm is wasted on the earth and sky,  
Tell them, dear, that if eyes were made for seeing,  
Then Beauty is its own excuse for being.

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“WHEREVER the English language is spoken throughout the world his fame is established and secure. . . . But we, his neighbors and townsmen, feel that he was *ours*. He was descended from the founders of the town. He chose our village as the place where his lifelong work was to be done. It was to our fields and orchards that his presence gave such value ; it was our streets in which the children looked up to him with love, and the elders with reverence. He was our ornament and pride.”

EBENEZER ROCKWOOD HOAR,

*April 30, 1832.*





## INTRODUCTION

THE proceedings recorded in this volume resulted from the following votes passed at a meeting of

### THE SOCIAL CIRCLE IN CONCORD

on December 23, 1902 :

VOTED: That the Social Circle in Concord arrange a celebration of the Centenary of Ralph Waldo Emerson, May 25, 1903, their best beloved and respected member for many years.

VOTED: That the members of the Circle be a committee to make arrangements for the same.



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