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THE Poet of New England (so called by the historian Parkman), the Prophet-bard of America, the Quaker Poet—these titles fairly and truly mark the literary status of John Greenleaf Whittier. Add to them his own sincere and characteristic avowal, "I set a higher value on my name as appended to the Anti-Slavery Declaration of 1833 than on the title-page of any book," and we have fair sight not only of the poet, but of the man.

The Poet of New England:—"His genius drew its nourishment from her soil; his pages are the mirror of her outward nature and the strong utterance of her inward life." These were Parkman's words at a gathering in honour of Whittier. "The gloss of the sentiment," writes Stedman, in his "Poets of America" (1885), "belonged to the occasion; its analysis is specifically correct, and this with full recognition of Whittier's most famous kinsmen in birth and song. The distinction has been well made that the national poet is not always the chief