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Preface

THIS book, while primarily designed to present the points of chief interest in the historical and literary associations of Old Concord, may also be depended upon for its accuracy. Its historical matter I have drawn from the Concord histories of Lemuel Shattuck (1835) and Charles H. Walcott (1884), from the Concord Social Circle Memoirs, from the writings of Grindall Reynolds, and from the publications of the Concord Antiquarian Society, chiefly those by the late George Tolman. For facts concerning Concord's literary notables I have drawn principally upon their own writings. The

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book also contains material from Concord tradition and family knowledge, not to be found in print. For help in verifying my statements, and for supplying me with much matter previously unknown to me, I am much indebted to my neighbors Dr. Edward Waldo Emerson, Judge Prescott Keyes, and Mr. Adams Tolman. I am also greatly obliged for the courteous help of the librarians of the Concord Free Public Library, and I desire to express my thanks for permission to quote directly from the publications of the Concord Social Circle, Houghton Mifflin Company, and Charles Scribner's Sons.

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