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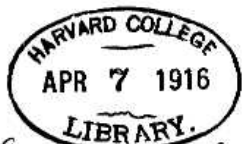
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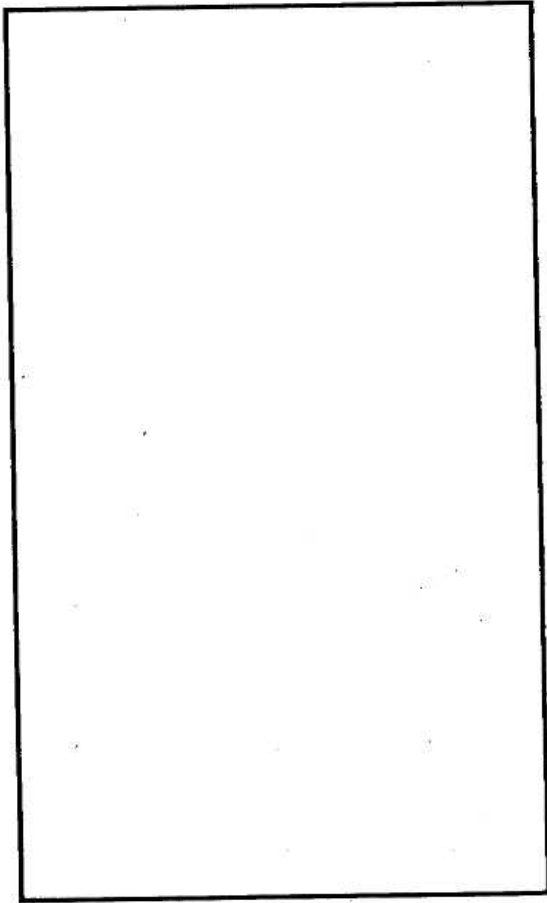
MY SISTER,

WHOSE LOVE AND SYMPATHY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE

CHIEF BLESSING OF MY LIFE,

AND TO WHOM I AM INDEBTED FOR MANY PORTIONS OF

THE FOLLOWING PAGES.



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PREFACE.

IN writing this little book, my main purpose has been to make known the rare goodness of heart of my grandfather, Captain GUSTAVUS FELLOWES.

The active and thoughtful benevolence shown by him to the children of a foreigner and a stranger, as herein set forth, was a characteristic of his whole life. Were it in my power, I would rear for him a literary monument which should outlast the Pyramids. What I could do I have here done. My book has at least the merit of

truth, and I cannot but hope that some hearts may be moved and touched by this record of a touching passage in a good man's life.

FANNIE ST. JOHN.

CHAPTER I.

"He is lord indeed who is lord of the soil."

It wanted yet a half hour of sunset behind the Hudson Highlands, when a young explorer, who had strayed from his companions, wended wearily along, anxious to find the valley and the shelter of a human habitation before nightfall.

He had climbed one of the higher elevations bordering the County of Orange, where he stopped to gaze, enchanted by the beauty of as fair a landscape as mortal eye ever rested upon. A plateau of many acres in extent, girdled by a range of hills, lay before him. There were farm lands under the highest cultivation, — a homestead the face of which looked a hospitable welcome.