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PREFACE

Just a century ago, in 1810, was born one of America's most remarkable women, if not the most remarkable one, Margaret Fuller. This book therefore comes as a centenary tribute to her memory.

Several writers and critics, among them Edward Everett Hale and T. W. Higginson, have tried to account for the very strange fact that Margaret Fuller is not better known generally to the students and readers of American literature. That she deserves a much more honorable place in the history of the development of our thought and literature than the rather humble one which has thus far been assigned to her, has been felt by all who have studied her interesting career and become acquainted with her extraordinary intellect and activities. In fact, it is difficult to understand the whole creative period of our literature without taking into account her significant rôle in the whole movement, and the powerful influence she exerted upon our greatest American

thinkers and most noted literary men of that important period. It is the hope of the short introductory chapter of the present work to bring to light, in a somewhat concise treatment, her true relation to some of these great men and to the period in which she lived and acted.

The chief aim of the present work, nevertheless, is to trace the inner development of the powerful personality of this interesting woman, and to search out the sources of her growth and the foundation for her religious convictions and her conceptions of life. What influence she exerted among her countrymen in disseminating the convictions to which she held and how she interpreted and defended their author, Goethe, also deserves attention. Some space is therefore given to this phase of the subject.

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