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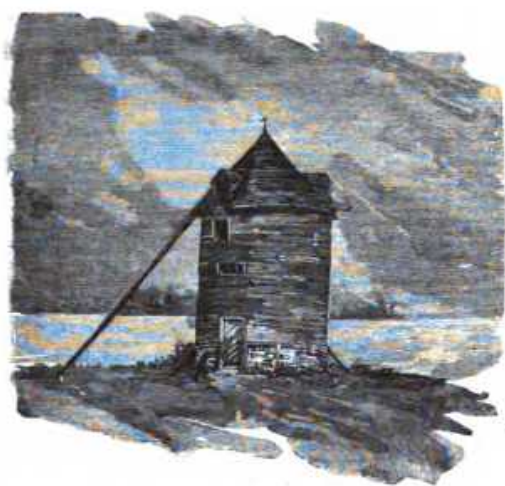
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TO THE LOVED ONES AT "TONNANCOUR," ON THE BANKS OF
LAKE SAINTE CLAIRE, WHERE UNDER THE GRATEFUL
SHADE OF A MAJESTIC WILLOW I HAVE
LISTENED TO MANY A TALE OF
THE MYSTIC PAST,
THESE LEGENDS ARE MOST AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.

M. C. W. HAMLIN.

Detroit, December, 1885.

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INTRODUCTION.

The word "Legend" explains itself. Historical and romantic souvenirs hang like tattered drapery around the fair City of the Straits. Interest and curiosity have only to shake its venerable folds to scatter fragmentary history and legendary lore.

These weird tales, quaint customs and beautiful traditions have been handed down from generation to generation as sacred trusts. Originally brought from their cradle in Normandy, they are still tenderly cherished in the homes of the old families of Norman descent settled along "le Détroit."

It has been my good fortune to hear many of them from loving, though aged lips of ancestors whose memories extend back into the last century.

It seems a befitting tribute to these noble and hardy pioneers that a descendant of theirs should gather and preserve in an imperishable form these mementoes they valued so highly.

For my interest in the subject, and for the historical facts, in the writing of which I have tried to be strictly accurate, I am indebted to Charlevoix, La Hontan, Lambert, Margry's Collections, Parkman, Hameau, Lemoigne, Campbell, Sheldon, Lanman, and others. The Pontiac Manuscript, Morris' Diary, the Cass, Trowbridge and Roberts' Memoirs have also furnished material.

For the data made use of in the articles on the "French Families" I am under much obligation to the records of Old Ste. Anne's Church, to the researches of my friend L' Abbé Tanguay, and to the brilliant essayist, poet and historian, Benjamin Sulte, of Ottawa.

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