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ROARING BROOK IN WINTER.

“All was silent as a dream
Save the rushing of the stream.”

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THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED to the good people of the town of Wallingford, Vt., who combine within themselves the best elements of New England life and character.

Thanksgiving Day, 1911

FOREWORD.

IN PUBLISHING this "History of Wallingford" the compiler would express his sincere thanks to all who have assisted in any way in its production. State and County histories have been found helpful and used to goodly advantage. Much has been gathered by way of oral tradition, and old documents have yielded considerable information. The days spent "in the attics of friends" and in poring over columns of old newspapers have not been wasted, and in presenting the following pages it is with the consciousness of at least trying to use to the best advantage the material at hand.

Special thanks are due to Mrs. W. P. Cary in giving access to and assisting with the town records, and also Miss M. Congdon for the helpfulness in Library references, to my wife in assisting with the revision of proofs, to the "Vermonters" and The Tuttle Company for use of certain cuts, and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sabin, who have greatly helped in the pictorial part of the work.

I wish the book could have been better, more accurate and trustworthy. It is sent forth, however, with the wish that it may give to some a better knowledge of our town, that it may stimulate a reasonable local pride, and help in developing the community consciousness of the things that are true and just.

Walter Thorne.

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Governor of Vermont.

I HAVE been asked to write the introduction to this "History of Wallingford." The town is widely known for its beauty of situation, its spirit of enterprise, and its patriotic idealism. This is in part due to the splendid heritage that comes to it from the past. It is good that such a history should be recorded, and one of the results ought to be a manifestation of keener interest in the days that are gone, and a stronger community spirit in the present. Well may the people of this town be proud of their history; proud of the noble men and women who have lived within her boundaries. They were inspired with a great zeal to bring Society with all its sentiments, its purposes, plans, customs and institutions, under the dominations of Godly principles and power. They felt and truly, that if they were to succeed in establishing truth and integrity, and love of country, throughout the social and political organism, to whose upbuilding they were giv-