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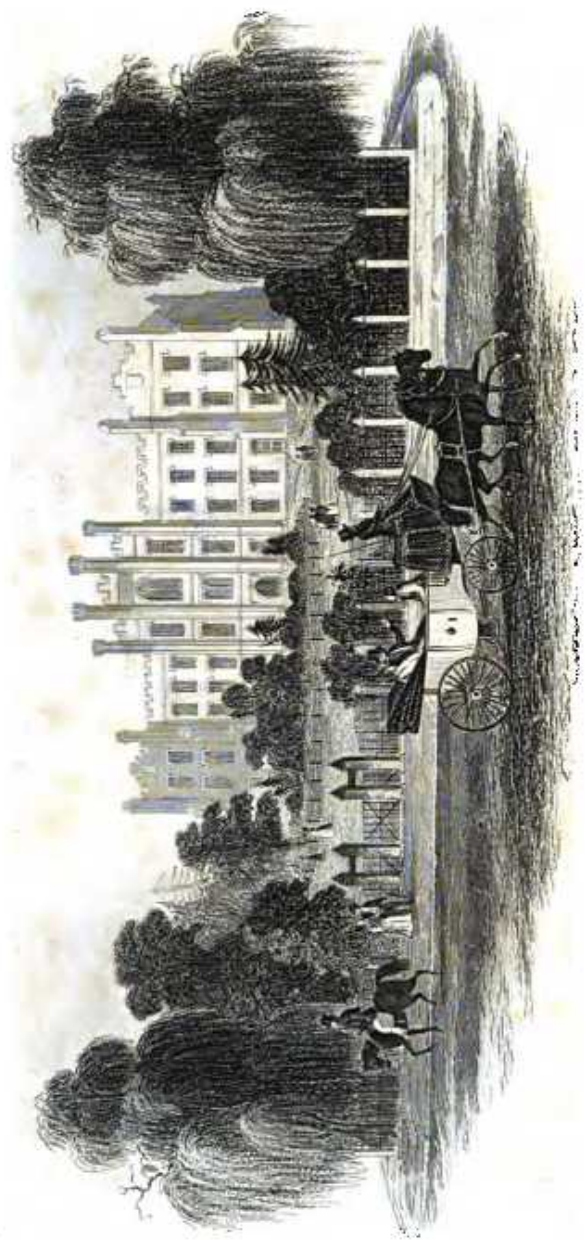
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*St. Paul, Louisiana, Cotton Street*

A PLACE IN THY MEMORY.

With the year  
Seasons return, but not to me returns  
Day, or the sweet approach of spring or morn,  
Or sight of vernal bloom, or summer's rose,  
Or flocks, or herds, or human face divine.  
MINOR.

*Helena A. D. Kroyft*

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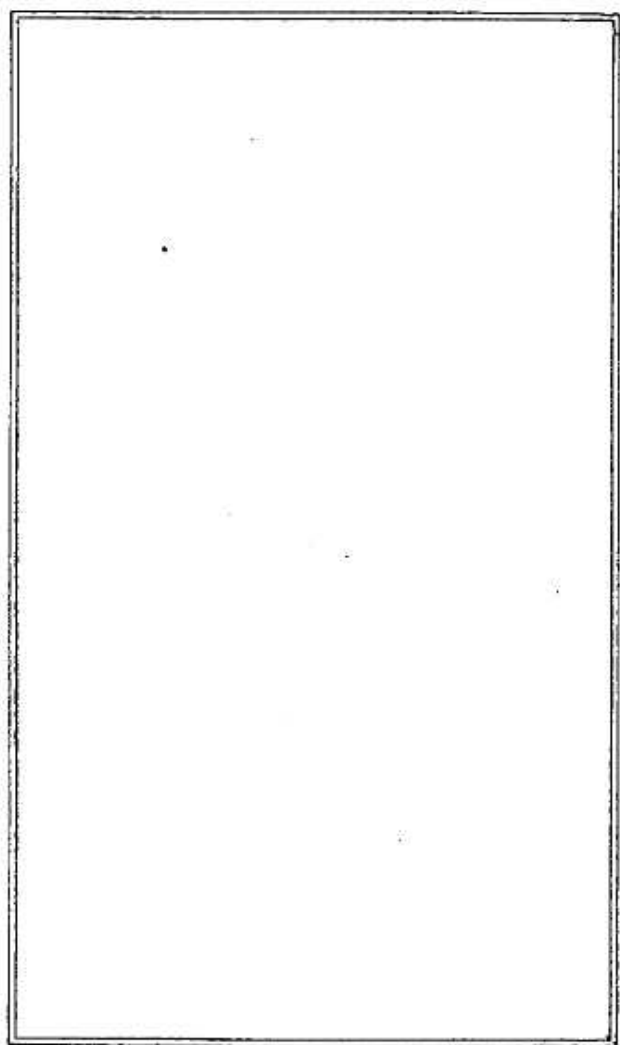
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## PREFACE.

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As the author of "Memoirs of my Youth" laid bare his heart to the world for the sake of dollars, so I have been induced to gather from my friends these letters, and bind them into a book.

I had perfect sight. I was (in one short month a bride, a widow, and blind;) yet Providence has made it needful for me to do something to provide for myself food and raiment.

Upon the loss of my sight, I was, through the influence of Senator Backus, of Rochester, allowed to spend one year at the New York

Institution for the Blind ; which time expired, and I embarked in the little enterprise of publishing this volume, by soliciting subscribers who would give their names and pay me in advance.

Accordingly, with my prospectus in my hand, I first waited upon the Board of Managers of the Institution, who lent me their influence, and sanctioned my efforts by subscribing for several copies each. The next day I waited upon the gentlemen of the City Hall, and, encouraged by their kindness, thence passed on through Broadway, Wall, South, and most of the principal streets of the city ; and now that my task is ended, and my little book is about going to the publishers, I have not an unpleasant memory associated with the whole affair. In the hurry of business, in the intricacies of law, and amidst problems half solved, gentlemen have laid