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TO THE MEMORY OF HARRIET NOBLE, WHOSE  
MOTHERLY AFFECTION WAS BESTOWED UPON  
THE REFUGEE, AND WHOSE SWEET AND GEN-  
TLE NATURE SEEMED LIKE A BENEDICTION.





## AUTHOR'S NOTE

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Some time ago, Mr. Clarke started to write the story of his life under the title, "The Refugee Boy." He had dictated quite a bit of material when, by reason of its extreme personal character, he stopped. I rescued that manuscript and, using the information therein obtained, added to it other facts gathered from him by conversation. I visited the scene of his Indiana life and conversed with the people to gain new viewpoints of the influences surrounding his growth from boyhood to manhood. No fictitious name has been used where it was possible to obtain the real one. By reason of close intimacy with him I knew his personal characteristics, and this volume is largely a search for the environment and influences which have made him what he is. If I have accomplished this in any degree, and at the same time have made the story to any extent as entertaining to others as it was to me, I shall be satisfied. I have used his own language wherever possible, because of his original and trenchant way of putting things as well as to get his survey of conditions and results. Thus, it is his story run through my mill and the toll of pleasure I have received has abundantly repaid the time and effort spent.

CHARLES E. WHELAN.

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