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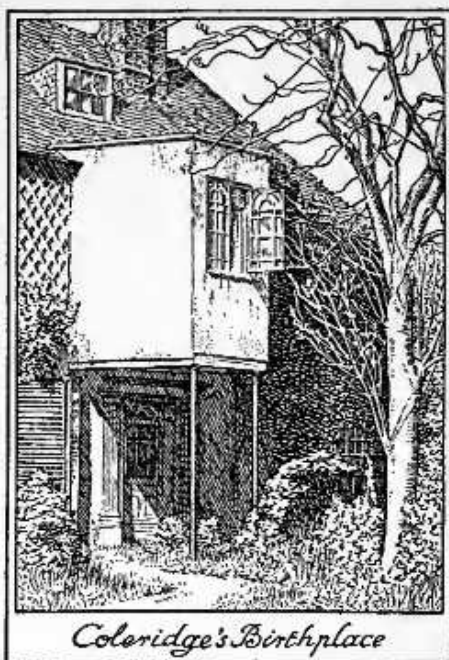
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*Coleridge's Birthplace*

*The room at the Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary, Devonshire, in which Coleridge was born, on October 21st, 1772.*

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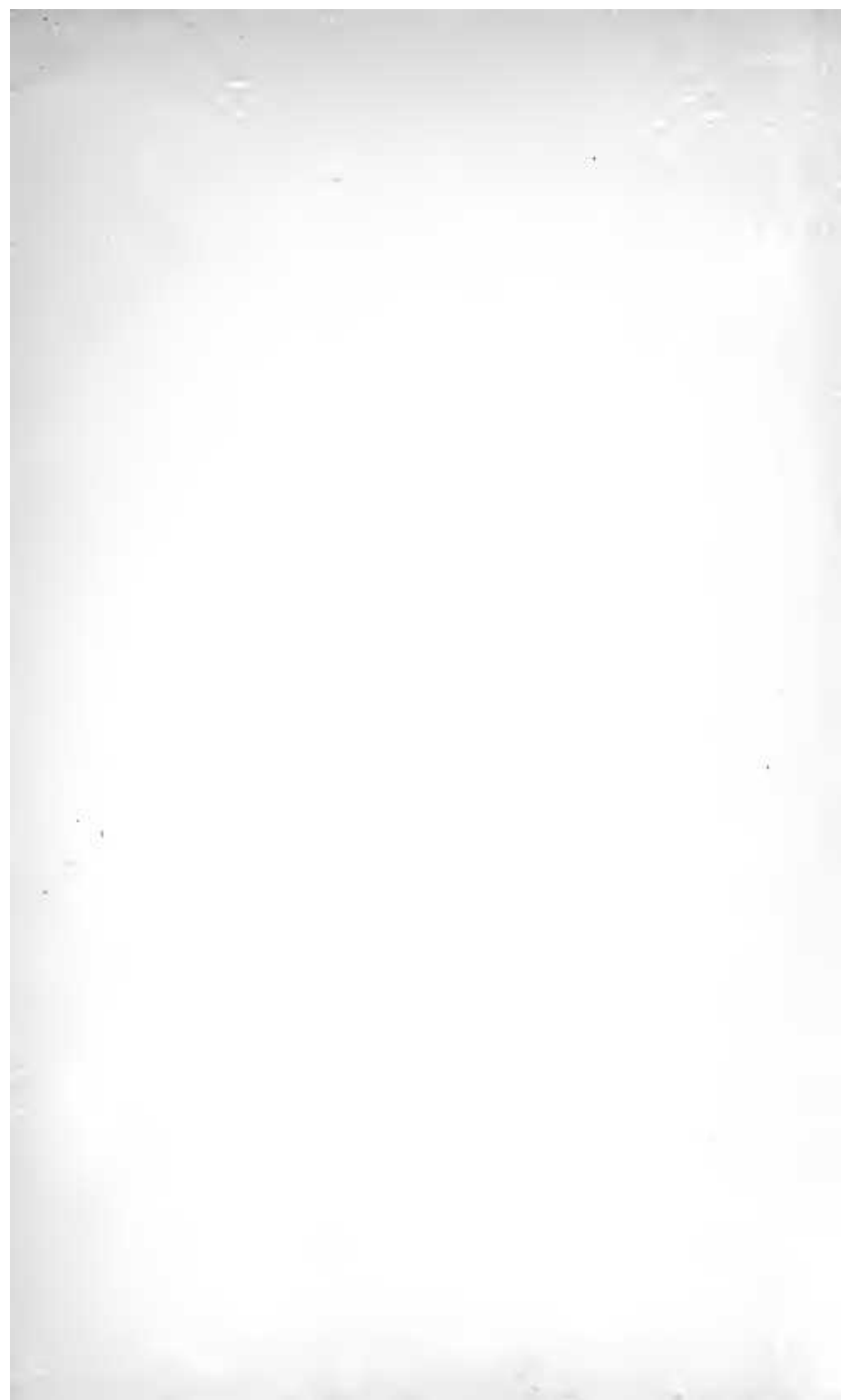
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## PREFACE

**T**HE two friends, and brother-poets—William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge—lived with their households in Dorset and Somerset, during part of the years 1795–1798: Wordsworth at Racedown in Dorset, and afterwards at Alfoxden in Somerset; Coleridge at Nether Stowey in the latter county. There they began their immortal poetic work for the world, both as conscious and unconscious co-operators in one of the greatest and most enduring of literary movements that Britain has known, before they left their native land for a short time.

Towards the close of 1798 they both visited the continent of Europe, going in different