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TO MY SISTER

WHOSE AWAKENING TO THE INTEREST AND
PLEASURE OF BIRD OBSERVATION
WAS EARLIER THAN MY OWN
THIS LITTLE VOLUME OF RESULTS
IS AFFECTIONATELY
INSCRIBED

“And above, in the light
Of the star-lit night,
Swift birds of passage wing their flight
Through the dewy atmosphere.”

LONGFELLOW

Birds of Passage

PREFACE

My little book, I think, will readily speak for itself, and, therefore, seems to need no prefatory word from the author. But it is pleasant to express to the reader how interesting and delightful has been the work, in the nature of pastime, done in our Public Garden during the past nine seasons, and how agreeable has been the task of arranging and analyzing the notes made there. In the work I have been encouraged and aided by many friends. Occasionally the garden-circuit has been made with eager young ornithologists who, alert and sharp-eyed, have given added spirit to the morning's observation. At some other times the companionship has been with those who were earnestly bent on gathering almost their first knowledge of birds and have joined their steps with mine to see and become acquainted with a few of the more common visitants. Again, I have had the