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OF
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FOREWORD

The vision of William Penn made possible the peaceful settlement of Pennsylvania and permitted the first settlers to plant their gardens where they would. In all other parts of this continent the early colonists had to restrict their gardening to the confines of the towns. Within Penn's Province only was there freedom from Indian hostility.

Here in peace in the Valley of the Wissahickon, in 1694, John Kelpius and his fellow Pietists planned and planted the first botanical garden in this country. The love of these Pietists for horticulture has been the inspiration for gardening which has come down through each generation.

There has also come to this generation a grave responsibility—the preservation of the natural beauties of our land. They are menaced as never before. They must be protected now, if the generations of the future are to have the refreshment and delight that nature alone can give.

The Garden Club of Philadelphia has had this book compiled to encourage the love and enjoyment of nature and to strengthen and develop the appreciation of this wonderful woodland within our own city, so that many more may have the privilege of knowing the Valley of the Wissahickon and that its charms may then be cherished and conserved.

Today in the midst of the stir and strife of city life is needed more than ever the calm and quiet of this Sanctuary of Peace.

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