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PREFACE.

This modest little volume contains a selection from the poems of one who was a great admirer of nature and loved to contemplate it in its varied forms. She had an eye for its beauties and an ear for its music. It was her delight to be in the country and her contributions to various periodicals breathe with her spirit, and show how well she could look through nature up to nature's God.

Upon removing to New Haven in the spring of 1848, it was to her the most painful part of the change that she must leave behind a dear home out of which she had learned to gaze with a poet's eye upon the hills and mountains around. Her first return visit in June of the same year, awoke all the finer feelings of her heart and she penned the lines, to "My old Home in the Country," which were published at the time and copied into several periodicals. Many of the other effusions have been printed in Magazines and different publications.

The scenes are for the most part laid in Cheshire, Conn., where the writer, though born on St. Simon's Island, Georgia, was reared from early childhood and where she spent the principal portion of her married life. Her birth took place March 20, 1824, and her death on the 30th of August, 1851.

This selection is made by her surviving husband and printed as an affectionate tribute to her memory.

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