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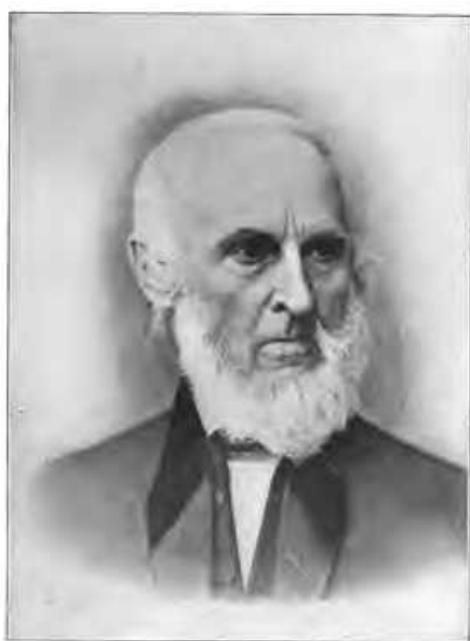
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TO MY MOTHER
WHO LOVED THE WORK AND CHARACTER
OF THE
ONE OF WHOM I WRITE

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INTRODUCTION

The contemporaries of our beloved New England poet are so few in these days that it is a pleasure as great as it is unusual to write a word of introduction to such reminiscences as these. To listen to or read the words of one who knew John G. Whittier in his prime is to live again the past and see anew the bard of nature, the hearthstone, and freedom.

The recollections that follow record incidents that have escaped the historian and the biographer, and are a charming addition to the literature that tells of the great poet.

W. H. H.

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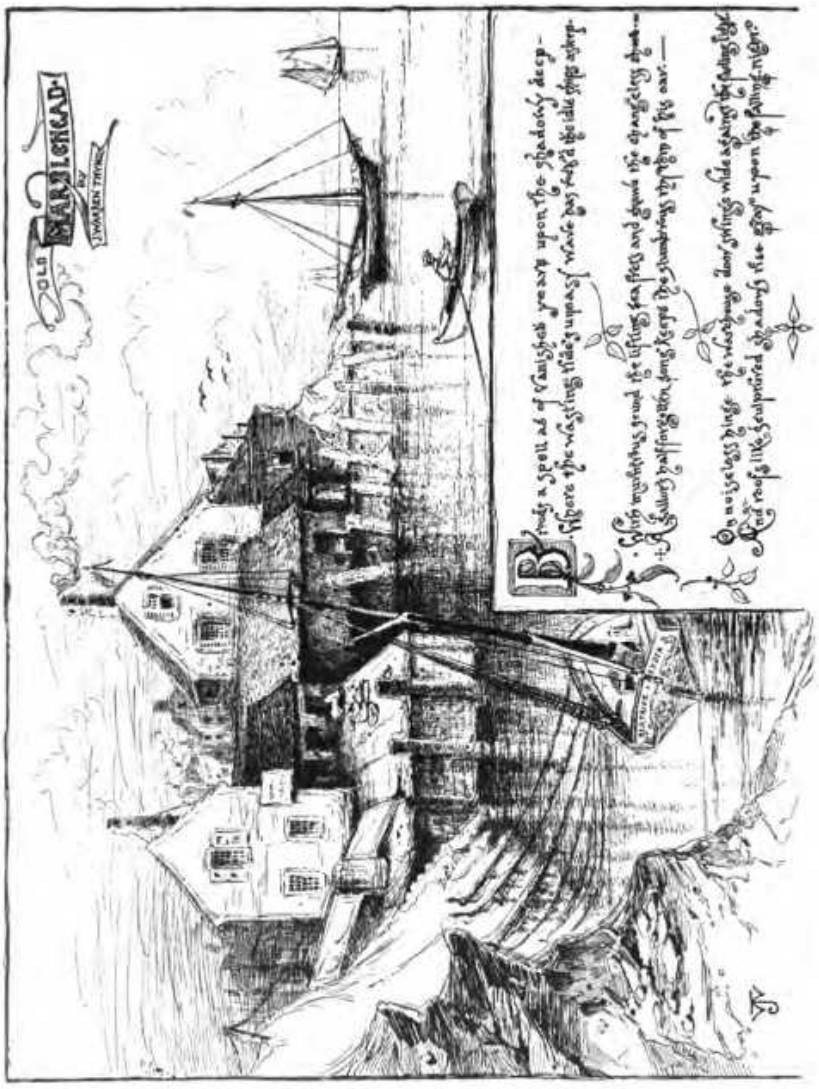
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Bred a spell of vanished years upon the shadowy deep—
Where the wistful tide's uprais'd wave has set the idle speck where—
With water's grand the lifting feet and found the anchorage above—
A gallery's hall for then long keeps the shadows right of his oar. —
On ailess things the message door settings wide against the falling light
And roofs the sculptured shadows the spot upon the falling night.

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