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"In all things that have beauty, there is nothing to man more
comely than Liberty."—*Milton.*

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PREFACE.

OUR "STAR OF EMANCIPATION" appears before the public with no great pretensions. We do not intend to vie with Virgil or Shakspeare in point of plot or tragedy, but we are assured that the *sentiments* we utter in the item of *Practice*, (which, by the way, in these days of *Theory*, is one of no small importance,) contain far more of truth and value, and of that which Longfellow tells us Life is,—Reality, than much of the writings of either of the above personages.

With what degree of brilliancy our *Star* shines forth, is left for the reader to decide. That *Star* which *has* guided, and we hope will *still* guide many a refugee to Victoria's dominions, is not

one of the first magnitude. In its *position* and *stability* consists its merit.

If our "Star" shine from the right point in the moral heavens, and with a certain light, though it be not one of the first magnitude, it serves the end at which we aim,—the deliverance of the bound. With this single object in view, we commend its pages to the friends of humanity.

In behalf of the Massachusetts Female Emancipation Society,

THE COMPILERS.

ALL SPEAK OF THEE.

Inscribed on every tree
With branches waving free,
On cliffs far reaching, lone,
On every little stone,
On Ocean's vasty deep,
Where low the mermaids sleep,—
On monsters huge and dread,
Who make the sea their bed,—
On little fish that blink
Along the river's brink ;—
On every little rill,
Whose kiss revives the hill,
Where springs the gentle flower,
That blossoms for an hour ;—
On every living thing,
With fin or spangled wing,—
On every bird that flies
With one, or thousand dyes,
From her who sits bald, throned,
With blood red beak alone,
To the sweet nightingale

In grove or love-lit vale,—
On every odorous breeze
Lingering among the trees,—
On every little fly,
That flits before the eye ;—
On every sparkling star
That speaks to us from far,
E'en from the distant gleam
Of Mercury's moony beam,
Whose car all brilliant flies
On errands through the skies ;—*
On every secret thought
By Inspiration wrought,
Yea, on God's spotless throne,
Dazzling with light its own,
Heaven and all earth can see
Inscribed,—Liberty !

FELICIA.

Boston, Sept. 1841.

* The rapidity with which Mercury flies is so great (more than 100,000 miles an hour) that the Grecian Astronomers considered it the messenger of the gods, and hence they represented it with wings at its head and feet, from which is derived the character used to represent it.

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