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INTEREST in the colonial and Revolutionary periods grows and widens with each passing year. Should the present record of the writer's rambles in nooks and byways, rich in memories of the past, serve, even in modest measure, to quicken and foster this interest, I shall feel that the reward for my labors is an ample one.

It is proper to state that some of the chapters here brought together have appeared in part in *Lippincott's*, *Harper's Weekly*, the *New England Magazine*, and the *Churchman*, but all have been carefully revised and considerably expanded for use in this place. Since the one entitled "Three Groups of German Mystics" was written the Separatists of Zoar have ceased to exist as an organized society.

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