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P R E F A C E .

For the publication of the present volume, no apology is deemed needful, for the reasons that the press is free, and book-reading is not compulsory. The author is not proud of his achievement, nor, on the other hand, does he feel any considerable degree of humility in contemplating it. The latter fact probably arises from a deficiency of judgment.

Of the literary merit of the work, the writer would say but little, trusting that the reader will readily concede to the propriety of so doing. Though written in rhyme, the book contains far "more truth than poetry"; otherwise it would carry but a poor recommendation for veracity.

Begging the pardon of honest readers for what may appear to be a culpable disregard of their good opinion, the author would earnestly solicit the attention of critics, in the reasonable hope, that a class of beings who had the acuteness to discover that Keats and Byron had mistaken their calling, will at once pronounce this work to be the culmination of poetic genius. The narrative is a truthful recital of events in the author's experience.

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These rambling lines a truthful story tell,
Of divers haps that to the writer fell,
When from his home, at eighteen years of age,
He wandered forth the war of life to wage,
Friendless and lone, beyond the swelling tide
Whose waters wash Columbia's western side.
For full five years, on California's shore,
Adventurers in search of golden ore
Had gathered fast; a host from ev'ry land,
From Lapland's ice to Afric's burning sand.
From east and west, the old world and the new,
Were gathered there, full many a hardy crew.

In boyish hope kind friends were left behind,
But feelings sad threw shadows o'er my mind.
Bright childhood's home! 't is hard to say adieu.
Sweet scenes of youth! shall ever I review.
Thy meadows green, and hills oft wandered o'er;
Or may they glad my vision nevermore?