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To

GEORGE W. HOSMER,

PRESIDENT OF ANTIOCH COLLEGE,

DEAR FRIEND ALIKE OF THE SUBJECT AND THE WRITER,

This Morsel of Biography

IS DEDICATED.

P R E F A C E .

WHEN what was mortal of Mr. Conant had been laid away, many friends and lovers asked me to write a brief sketch of his life; and my own love for him prompted me to try and meet their wishes. That the work was not sooner finished, I trust will be pardoned on account of my many cares. That it is not better done, must be my own fault, or foolishness.

R. C.

May 26, 1868.

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A MAN IN EARNEST.

I.

FOREELDERS.

IN a curious little manuscript volume inscribed "Ebenezer Conant, his book, Ashburnham, Jan. 15, 1782," there is this introductory note: "This book was made by my dear father, Ebenezer Conant, who died on the 3d of August, 1783," and then these words about the Conant family: "I, John Conant, was born in Ashburnham, Mass., Feb. 2, 1773. My father's name was Ebenezer Conant; he was born in Concord, Mass., Aug. 12, 1743. His father's name was also Ebenezer Conant, and he was born in Beverly, Mass., Dec. 1, 1700. His father's name was Roger Conant, who came to America with a colony, about 1623, and settled near to Marblehead or Salem, and I have understood that he was the son of a man who lived in France when the per-