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## PREFACE

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In prefacing the succeeding pages we prefer to write only a few lines, referring the reader to the first chapter for a more definite introduction. We write from experience, and in that light we will attempt to give our experience. Starting from the earlier years of boyhood, from our New England home on the sea coast near where the Puritans landed, and where the first battles of the Revolutionary War were fought and liberty was achieved and this nation became a free and independent people. While yet a young man we leave behind us the home of our childhood, with all its pleasant surroundings, saying good-bye to loving friends and the pleasant attractions of early life. Bidding adieu to the rock-bound coast of New England, the historic battlefields of Bunker Hill and Lexington, Faneuil Hall, the "Cradle of Liberty," with all their varied associations with the early history of our country. These we leave all behind and shape our course westward towards the Pacific Ocean, for we ever had a strong desire to see the rolling waves of the two oceans. When this was accomplished we