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PREFACE.

TO matter how many defects this little volume may possess, its mission will be accomplished if, when the eye of any of those who were participants in the vacation pleasures narrated in its pages discovers it among the rubbish of future years, it shall serve to turn back the leaf of recollection to the hours of delight on sea and land, and the cordial acquaintances which characterized the voyage. Those early August days cannot soon be forgotten. Although they were memorable for no great event, yet many little incidents of a pleasing nature, both in the social intercourse of man with man, and the silent communion of man with God, by the sea-shore or upon the mountain top, will serve to mark them upon the calendar of memory with the brightest and most enduring gems. The scenes of quiet beauty which every indentation of our New England sea-coast presents to the eye, together with the beautiful emerald shores and evergreen woods of Maine, the bold granite summits of picturesque Mount Desert, and the warm hospitalities of our kinsmen under the cross of St. George, will not soon fade from remembrance.

If in the preparation of this little narrative some beautiful scene or pleasing incident has been omitted,

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the only reply shall be, that where one is surrounded by landscapes which delight every outward sense, where the ear is charmed by the gentle surf music from the pebbly beach, and the very air is laden with the invigorating fragrance of forest and flower, is it strange that one fails to sip the ambrosia from every floral cup, or gather the sweet honey which clings to the petals of every modest wild-wood flower?

To one and all the members of the Bay State Excursion of 1871 we trust the incidents of the trip have served to increase their interest in the sublime works of nature ; to quicken their study of the great, underlying thought of the texts which are written in the delicate pencilings of the humblest roadside flower, as well as on the jagged granite of the rugged mountain peak, and to deepen in every heart that love for the true, the beautiful, and the good, that attunes the soul in rhythmic harmony with the true grandeur of life.



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