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PREFACE.

The greater portion of the contents of this work was delivered some time since by the author in the form of lectures—and though he then stood in a new position as a public lecturer, yet he is proud to say, that they were listened to with marked attention by large auditories. Having frequently been solicited to publish the lectures, he has lately re-written them, with the addition of much new matter; and now, more suitably arranged for publication, he respectfully presents the produce of his efforts to the public, humbly hoping; that the volume will be found worthy of perusal—and, in many respects, an appropriate companion to the third edition of his " Pleasures of Home."

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