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TO DEAR OLD VIRGINIA,
THE LAND OF MY INSPIRATION,
THESE SKETCHES ARE
HUMBLY DEDICATED

BY
THE AUTHOR

December 26th, 1901

A masterpiece is a flaming torch which a man of genius sets in the high road that he walks alone. It illumines all the way behind and all before him. By its light he is seen, he is judged; and what he would keep hidden is evermore revealed. The flickering tapers of his past ever brighter shine in its splendid fire; but if he has burned his soul out in that pure flame he goes sadly down the unknown vista setting dwindling tapers to the end.

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