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PREPARED FOR HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
BY ONE OF HIS CHILDREN.

CAMBRIDGE:
PRESS OF JOHN WILSON AND SON.
1866.

PREFATORY NOTE.

A YEAR before my father's death, he placed what he had finished of his "Egotistigraphy," as he playfully called it, in my hands, to arrange and copy. He also intrusted to my taste and judgment the selections to be made from the diary he kept during his first visit to England. He subsequently added a few particulars concerning his later life; but they are in so disconnected a form, that I have been obliged to weave them together as best I could, supplying the deficiencies as far as possible from letters, of which but few have been preserved.

I wish the task of selection and arrangement had fallen into more competent hands; but it seemed too sacred a trust to delegate to another,

and I know that I may rely upon the partiality of those for whom it has been prepared, to overlook whatever defects they may find in the manner in which that trust has been fulfilled.

M. E. W.

KEENE, N.H., June 1, 1866.

I HAVE often been importuned by my children and numerous friends to write a history of my life, which, perhaps, has been more varied and eventful than common. This I have endeavored to do; and, if the perusal of this imperfect sketch shall give them pleasure, I shall be amply repaid for the labor the work has cost me.

I trust that some of my young readers may find encouragement in the difficulties I have overcome, and the success which has followed my perseverance.

JUNE, 1865.

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