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TO
J. G. ROSENGARTEN
A TOKEN OF THE
GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION OF THE
AUTHOR.

1910/61

PREFACE.

THIS study in the history of the Philadelphia magazines was undertaken at the request of Professor H. B. Adams, and the results were first read at a joint-meeting of the Historical and English Seminaries of the Johns Hopkins University. At a later date they were again read before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. The subject has been found so rich, and the materials so interesting, that, in spite of my best efforts to be brief, the article has grown into a book. It has been with no little distrust that I have made this wide excursion from my chosen studies, but the generous aid and encouragement of friends, who are learned in our local lore, have given me heart to complete and to publish the results of these researches.

A complete list of the Philadelphia magazines is impossible. Many of them have disappeared and left not a rack behind. The special student of Pennsylvania history will

detect some omissions in these pages, for all that has here been done has been done at first hand, and where a magazine was inaccessible to me, I have not attempted to see it through the eyes of a more fortunate investigator. I have done my best to make the story, dull and dreary as it surely is at times, not unworthy of its subject, or of the city that it describes, and of which I grow fonder year by year.

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126, South Twenty-second Street.

“ Sweet Philadelphia! lov’liest of the lawn,”
Where rising greatness opes its pleasing dawn,
Where daring commerce spreads th’ advent’rous sail,
Cleaves thro’ the wave, and drives before the gale,
Where genius yields her kind conducting lore,
And learning spreads its inexhausted store:—
Kind seat of industry, where art may see
Its labours foster’d to its due degree,
Where merit meets the due regard it claims,
Tho’ envy dictates and tho’ malice blames:—
Thou fairest daughter of Columbia’s train,
The great emporium of the western plain:—
Best seat of science, friend to ev’ry art,
That mends, improves, or dignifies the heart.

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