

## PREFACE.

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THE scenes and incidents described in the following verses are taken from *actual life*, rarely any deviation being made from the facts as they existed or occurred in the places and among the personages mentioned. The home of the writer's family was in the Parish of St. David, Province of New Brunswick, a few miles distant from the St. Croix or *Scooduc* river, which separates that Province from the State of Maine; and it is worthy of remark, that of the members of that family—there were thirteen of them—who for nearly forty years resided at that home or in its immediate vicinity, not one, nor even the descendant of one, now remains within the Province. A few died in their native land, but most of them crossed the border; and they and their descendants have so scattered themselves over the *United States*, that there are but few of the *Free States* in which they are not now to be found.