

PREFACE.

MY first thought of writing this little book sprang from the desire of helping my children and friends to appreciate and enjoy the poems of John Greenleaf Whittier.

Some of the poems are not complete, only those stanzas illustrating the point under discussion being given.

Many times have these poems refreshed and encouraged me, and I send them forth with a hope and prayer that they may find echo in other hearts.

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