

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN BURROUGHS was born at Roxbury, New York, on April 3, 1837. His early education was received in the district school, and in the academies of the neighboring villages. He remained in the country, working on the farm and teaching school at various places, until 1863, when he went to Washington, where he obtained employment in the government service. For some time he was chief of the Bureau of Organization in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and in 1871 visited England on business connected with that Department. In 1873 he resigned his position, and became receiver of a bankrupt national bank. In 1885 he was appointed a special national bank examiner. Subsequently he gave up active business and retired to his home near Esopus, on the Hudson River, in New York State, where he continues to reside.

Burroughs has been a prolific writer, his works now numbering many volumes. Among the most important are: *Locusts and Wild Honey*, *Wake-Robin*, *Winter Sunshine*, *Pepacton*, *Fresh Fields*, *Birds and Poets*, *Signs and Seasons*, *Indoor Studies*, *Ways of Nature*, and *Whitman : A Study*.