

## PREFACE.

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LITTLE apology is necessary for the appearance of this book ; inasmuch as it is not intended to be in any sense a scientific work. It is more strictly the simple narrative of a Nature-lover's first voyage westward, together with some few attempts at the word-picturing of what he saw during his sojourn in Acadia, which in prose is rendered Nova Scotia—a sweet name, maybe, but not so sweet as the elder one.

Neither is the book intended to be concerned with the doings of men, and it will be found, indeed, that the author has studiously ignored the subject. One need not journey three thousand miles to study *human* Nature.

It will be found, however, that some little attention has been paid to ornithology, and in this connection it is probable that the work may contain something of interest to the naturalist as well as the Nature-lover.

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