PREFACE.

HAVING, last winter, had occasion to read the Fifth Book of Virgil's Æneid, along with a young gentleman attending the High School of Montreal, the translator occupied part of his leisure time in turning it into English verse. The result of his efforts he has been induced to publish, from no fond conceit that its literary merits entitle it to competition with the productions of former illustrious translators of the great Latin poet, but in the humble hope that the interesting nature of the subjects contained in this particular Book, and the more popular, but, at the same time, literal manner in which he has attempted to render them, may gain for his Translation some share of public favor.

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