PREFACE.

In presenting the following observations and verses, the writer does not desire to appear as either a critic or a poet; the object being rather to indicate the belief that a new "Hiawatha" is among the possibilities of the future, a conviction which is offered in connection with a rhymed version of the Story of Hiawatha, as given in prose by a descendant of the Red Men skilled in the traditions of his race. The observations are presented in the way of helpful suggestions; while the verses, for which no merit is claimed, may at least add some interest to this brochure.

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