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NOTE.

FOR most of the facts in this Memoir I am indebted to two biographies, one by W. Sloane Kennedy, published in 1882, the other by Francis H. Underwood, published in 1884. Concerning the second, I have before me the following, in Mr. Whittier's own hand, written in 1881 :—

“My friend, F. H. Underwood, has, with my consent, and with such aid and facilities as my friends can give him, undertaken the preparation of a volume of which I am the subject. . . . I wish to say that he alone has authority from me, and that he will do his work carefully and conscientiously, and that, if his book is lacking in interest, it will be the fault of the subject and not of the author.”

Of course, the present writer is answerable for the weaving of the story in its actual form, for the choice of extracts, and for all expression of opinion on the poet's work.

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