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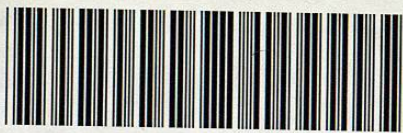
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DEDICATORY LETTER.

MY DEAR FRANK :

When you have seen me pencilling on my tablets in the shadowy retreats of Hermit's Dell, and amidst scenes more or less sequestered—when you have seen me transcribing those rough sketchings upon the pages of my journal, by the light of our study-lamp—you have often expressed a desire to look over my shoulder and read them.

Henceforth, some of them are yours ; and you will not wonder that your name is so frequently upon them, when you remember how, in scenes of both joy and sorrow, in wanderings oft glad, oft gloomy, we have been together.

Though these desultory pencillings are woven in somewhat a fanciful web, your eye can trace the thread that gleams through it—the shining thread of truth.

You know how we have loved to tread alike the byways and highways of life, to weep sometimes with the sad and laugh sometimes with the gay : saying with the good