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To

MY FATHER AND MOTHER
WHO MADE MY CHILDHOOD A JOYOUS THING
TO REMEMBER
THIS BOOK IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED
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THE AUTHOR TO THE TEACHER

There is a noticeable lack of biographical work suited to children, a very serious lack in view of the great importance of biography. The aim of this book is to supply in a measure this much-needed material. The treatment is quite new. Instead of dealing with the adult life history and life work of famous men and women, the volume contains stories of their childhood, the period of life that appeals most to the sympathies of children. But it is hoped these stories will so stimulate interest that the pupils will be eager to know about the later lives of the little boys and girls whose acquaintance they have here made.

The men and women chosen as subject for these stories are those whose lives, even as
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children, were courageous, inspiring, and worthy of example. The qualities of mind and character that made their later lives great and useful are emphasized.
THE AUTHOR TO THE CHILDREN

There isn't a boy or a girl in this wide world, at least I haven't met one, who doesn't want to grow up to be a great man or woman with a name that will be as familiar as "George Washington" or "Queen Elizabeth." And there has never been a single great man or woman in this wide world who wasn't once just a plain little boy or girl.

And indeed no one ever thought that these children were going to grow up to be famous any more than your father and mother expect you to be a president, or a millionaire, or a duke, or an actor. They said, "Mercy, how that child does grow!" or, "Little girls should be seen and not heard," but they did not say, "What a really