

## PREFACE.

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The late Senator Ingalls wrote many things which mankind will forever cherish and preserve. He enriched literature, and in so doing gave renown to his State. The history of Kansas is an inspiration, and her high ideals have made her immortal. The exalted purpose and glorious destiny which her pioneers fixed for her created in themselves lofty aspirations, and under their leadership she became a brilliant star in the national tiara and a power in the Republic. And for this proud position she owes as much to Senator Ingalls as to any of her devoted sons.

This volume is a monument of affection. While it is mainly of his own building, the wife of his manhood, the mother of his children, the trusted friend and adviser of his course and work, and the companion who walked with him in the journey of this life, binds with her love and her wifely devotion these polished blocks wrought by his genius. No one ever had a more enduring memorial.

In preparing this work for the press, I have had the kindly assistance of many of the friends of Senator Ingalls. The selections from his writings were chiefly made by Mrs. Ingalls. Many of his productions are known so well and loved so much that it was imperative they should go in. All his work was of such high order that it was a difficult matter to choose one production and pass over another.

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