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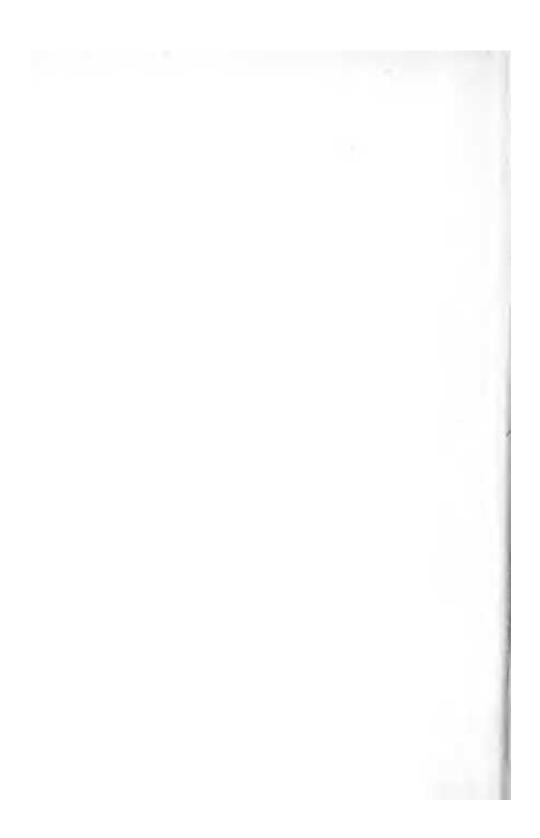


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Dedication

Herald of morn, when still the night was deep, Mother of heroes, nurse of arts divine, Now newly wakened from millennial sleep, Hellas! to thee whatever here is mine.

Έλλας, σοι τόδε κείται, έπεί ποτε μούνη έλαμπες φώς μαντευομένη νυκτερινώ σκότεϊ, ήρώων μήτερ, θείων μουσοτρόφε τεχνών, νύν δ' από χιλιετούς έπνου έγειρομένη.



THE stories here offered to English readers are taken from a little book which has excited much interest in Greece. It is one of the few books dealing with their own peasant life that the Greeks of to-day have given us. With material so plentiful, and of such interest not only for themselves but for all who love Greece, we can only wonder and regret that there are so few books of the kind. One or two of the sketches in the original work have been omitted, and their place has been taken by three others given at the end, dealing with the days of the War of Independence, have not yet been published, and have been translated from the author's manuscript. If among those that have been retained some are but slight, there is none but throws light upon the life and customs of the Greek peasant.



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