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Preface

The books of Henry van Dyke are well known to many classes of readers. He has worked in various literary forms: stories, essays, criticism, and poetry. The unity of his work is found in the individuality of a style marked by simplicity, clearness, and directness, and in the manifest influence of "a human aim,—to cheer, console, purify, or ennoble the life of the people."

In making this little year-book of selections, the suggestion of which is entirely my own, I have not sought to illustrate literary qualities, so much as to bring out the dominant note of human friendliness and comradeship, which runs through the writings of an author who knows books well, but who cares more for people.

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G. S. W.

NEW YORK, September 21, 1900.

Preface to Revised Edition

The passing years have brought so many friends who have enjoyed these brief selections and also so many new volumes from Dr. van Dyke, that a new edition seemed to be necessary.

From the eight volumes issued since 1900, selections have been chosen, which illustrate more emphatically than those they replace the dominant spirit of a beloved author and loyal friend.

G. S. W.

NEW YORK, October 1st, 1906.

Preface to Second Revised Edition

The host of friendly readers of Dr. van Dyke's writings rejoice at the international recognition and honours which his distinguished services have brought to him.

The new selections found in this edition are chosen from the nine volumes issued since 1906, and especially exemplify his patriotic spirit.

G. S. W.

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