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CARTHAGINIAN LAMPS, TWO OF PUNIC FORM AND ONE GREEK

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PREFACE

IN compiling this small book, the object of the writer has been to gather together in an epitomized form, for English readers, all that is at present known, and all that has been recently discovered, concerning the earliest inhabitants of Carthage.

Modern curiosity seems to be stimulated on their behalf by the fact that they are, or have been up to the present, a lost and forgotten people, with whose sea-faring, commercial and colonizing characteristics we are acquainted only by hearsay—Roman hearsay—having the disadvantages of bias, prejudice and the contempt which goes with conquest.

Modern excavation in the Punic Tombs of Carthage has given this people an opportunity of at last speaking for themselves, and it is to this voice from the grave that we have now to hearken, straining our ears with patient sympathy, as the pick-axes of the monks of Carthage proceed to liberate the stifled spirit of the past.

This book could not have been written but for the generous assistance of the Archpriest of the Cathedral of St. Louis of Carthage, the Reverend A. L. Delattre, who is the moving spirit of the

excavations, and whose valuable records, familiar to the whole archaeological world, have been placed at the writer's disposition.

It is hoped that this little account in English, of the work accomplished by the Reverend Father and his confrères, may not only prove of use to those in England who are interested in the excavation of ancient cities, but also serve perhaps as a *vade mecum* for those travellers who share the wisdom of the swallows and leave our raw winter for the genial realms of North Africa.

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