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MY BROTHER

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PREFACE

READERS of Cartwright will agree that this spirited and once famous writer has been too long neglected. His poems have been arranged, generally speaking, in the order in which they appear in the rare 1651 Edition of Cartwright's Plays and Poems (*v.* Introd. p. xl and xlv). The Songs from the Plays contained in that Edition have also been included here.

In annotating the poems, I have tried to avoid too much "blanching the obscure places and discourse upon the plain." But it is inevitable that such work should appear capricious to some.

I am grateful to Prof. W. P. Ker for suggesting this subject to me as one of promise; and, while he is in no way responsible for what this book contains, for his help and advice in my work upon it; to Dr R. W. Chambers for time always placed ungrudgingly at my disposal; to the Cambridge University Press reader who has set right certain ms. errors; and finally, to my father, the Rev. H. J. Goffin, for his undertaking on my behalf to see the volume through the press. *Gloria filiorum patres!*

R. C. G.

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