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"Most good is the brisk wholesome service of fear,
And the calm wise obedience of conscience is sweet,
And the good are all worships, all loyalties dear,
All promptitudes fitting, all services meet.

"But none honours God like the Thirst of Desire,
Nor possesses the heart so completely with Him,
For it burns the world out with the swift ease of fire,
And fills life with good works till it runs o'er the brim."

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FOREWORD

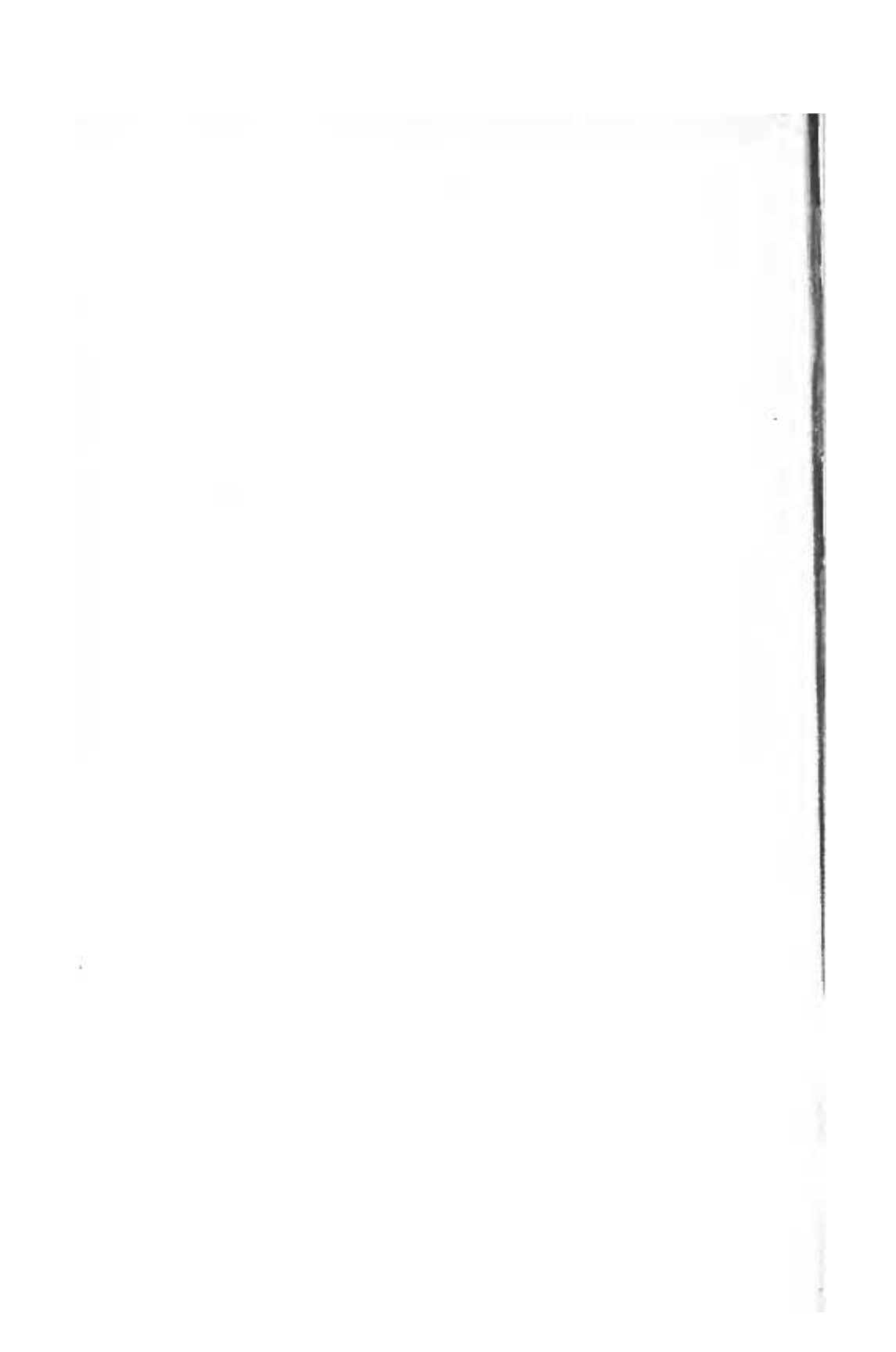
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PREFACE

VISĀKHĀ and her husband are fictitious characters. They are not the notable Visākhā and Menḍaka who figure so largely in the Sacred Books. But it was convenient to call the leading characters by well-known names.

The wording is taken as much as possible from the ancient Buddhist writings, so it is necessarily fantastic and flowery. Also, for this reason, there are many phrases and sentences taken out of the Sacred Books which are not in inverted commas, as to use them throughout would be awkward and bewildering.

Jotiya's mother's funeral is taken from the account of Pasenadi's grief over the death of his grandmother. Jotiya is a fictitious character.

There are a few slight anachronisms. It was premature to make the mourners at Jotiya's mother's funeral sing stanzas from the Dhammapada before the Buddha and his teaching had entered the town. The quotation on page 69, " Being your own Lamp