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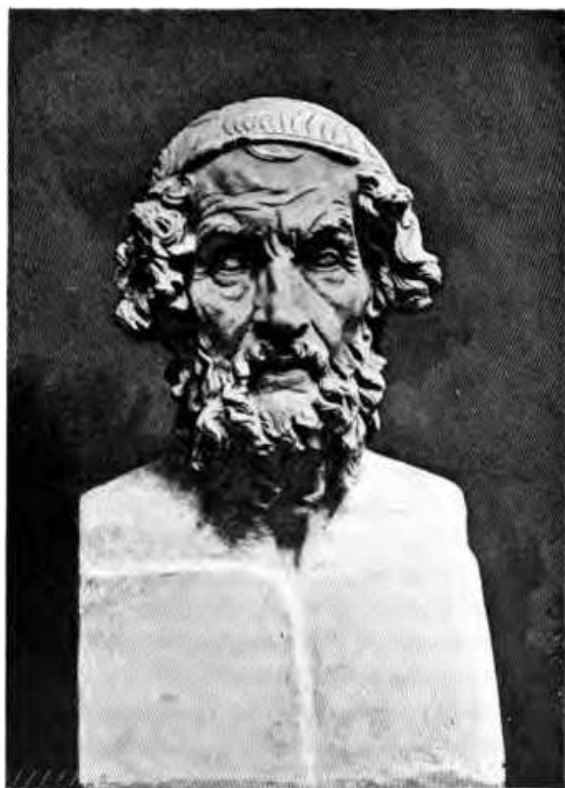
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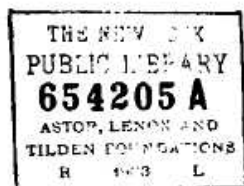
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PREFACE

THE following stories, selected from Homer's inexhaustible supply, have been prepared to aid those not familiar with them in the original.

Few have access to translations of Homer, and, even where translations can be secured, young pupils find it difficult to make a connected narrative from the widely scattered material. Then, too, many teachers have given little or no attention to the study of Homer, so that they do not always find it easy to explain to their pupils the numerous references and allusions found in both classical and current literature.

It is hoped that the following chapters may prove entertaining and profitable reading for the children and a fruitful source of material for teachers.

Part Second, or the stories from the "Odyssey," will naturally appeal to young readers more strongly than Part First. Homer, in his account of the wanderings of Ulysses, has given much greater variety of incident than was possible in narrating the battle's din. Strange monsters of land and sea and places unthought of by common minds will ever delight the imagination.

The author takes no credit to himself for any merit the stories possess. Homer is the real author, for he has supplied the ideas, and his limitless imagination has painted the pictures. The author has but put these thoughts into English. If he has succeeded in placing these pure and highly imaginative tales within the reach of the young, his purpose is fulfilled.

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