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THIS work, which is an operatic version of my text "The Canterbury Pilgrims" (published in 1903), was put into its present form by me in the late spring and early summer of 1914. During the same summer Mr. Reginald de Koven began to compose his music for it at Vevey, Switzerland, where all of the music was composed by him and completed, together with the orchestration, in the autumn of the following year.

In the spring of 1916 the opera was accepted for production at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, where its first performance has been announced to take place during the season of 1916-17.

PERCY MACKAYE.

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