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TO
F. C. S.
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED.



SEAL USED BY THE FIRST GOVERNORS OF THE SCHOOL.

PREFACE

THIS book is an attempt to give an intelligible account of Harrow School to non-Harrovians and to Harrovians who may care to have some notice of the School in a small compass. Its author is under great obligations to the "Book of Harrow School," issued two years ago under the auspices of Mr. Howson and Mr. Townsend Warner and to Mr. Thornton's "Harrow School and its Surroundings;" and most generous help has been given by the Master of Trinity, Mr. B. P. Lascelles and the Rev. F. C. Scarle. The account of the early School history contains some new matter, but the later history is largely secondhand. Much of the account of the School life is based upon personal experience, and may therefore claim, in a sense, to be trustworthy. I say "in a sense" because probably no two men's experiences of a great public school are exactly similar: the school is too large and many-sided for everyone to receive the same impression. Further, there are swift changes in few years, and although every effort has been made to keep what may be called the official intelligence accurate, it is probable that there are subtle differences of atmosphere in the school of to-day from the school of twelve years ago, such as my memory recalls it.

J. F. W.

January, 1901.

