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PREFACE

“**KENTUCKY** as she was; Kentucky as she is; Kentucky as she will be; Kentucky forever.” These words of Chief-Justice Robertson express a sentiment that is dear to me. And because of this love for Kentucky, these researches into her literature and history have been made and are now given to the world for whatever they may be worth. As nearly all of the essays deal with the founders and perfecters of our history and literature, they must, of necessity, overlap. No apology is made for this: the sympathetic reader will understand.

Practically all of the studies have required research, effort—the most fascinating, laborious, and disappointing of literary labor; and they have also required Col. R. T. Durrett’s wonderful library of Kentuckiana. Mr. Madison Cawein, Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. Montgomery Blair, Washington, D. C.; Hon. William Nelson, Secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society, and Mrs. Jennie C. Morton, Secretary of the Kentucky Historical Society, have assisted me in making the essays reliable, and I have done my best to make them readable.