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PREFACE.

THE parodies published at Cambridge in 1872 under the name of the *Light Green* have long been associated with the name of Arthur Clement Hilton. Although the *Light Green* has become widely known amongst University men, and has given Arthur Hilton a place amongst recognised English humorists, little has hitherto been known, save to his own small circle of friends, of Arthur Hilton himself. In Mr. George Russell's *Collections and Recollections* a cry has gone out for a further knowledge of Hilton, and in the hope of doing something towards presenting a sketch of the Author of the *Light Green*, I have put together in the following memoir, with the aid of his letters, a little outline of his short but bright and noticeable life.

In addition to the letters, which are incorporated in the memoir, a considerable number of other writings by Arthur Hilton are now published for the first time, as well as the parodies written by him in the *Light Green*. Those who look upon the *Light Green* as an old friend will find much in this new material to afford them fresh enjoyment.

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I am greatly indebted to the Rev. A. D. Hilton for leave to publish these additional writings of his son's, to the Rev. E. Noel Smith and the Rev. William D. Fenning for letters addressed to them by Arthur Hilton, to Messrs. Chambers for leave to republish "The Winds," to Messrs. Metcalfe of Cambridge for leave to republish the *Light Green*, and to the Rev. J. M. Lupton of Marlborough College for his kind assistance.

I am well aware of my own shortcomings as a biographer of Arthur Clement Hilton. My only claim to attempt a memorial of him must be, that we were great friends during the latter part of his time at Cambridge; while to those who may be inclined to criticise, the only apology I can offer is, that no one else has come forward to tell the story of his too short life, and that where his letters sufficiently fill in the outline, I have left him to tell his own story in his own words, and this is best,

For whosoever knows us truly, knows
That none can truly write his simple day,
And none can write it for him upon earth.

ROBERT P. EDGCUMBE.

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