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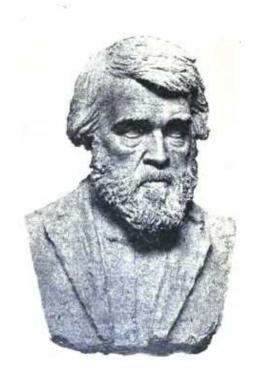
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Apud Y. J. PENTLAND.

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> 20st., 1893. Mrs. M. L. Burnett. Cambridge.

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers which begat us.

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Inque brevi spatio mutantur sæcla animantum Et quasi cursores vitaï lampada tradunt.

Quivi mi fur mostrati gli spiriti magni Che di vederli in me stesso m'esalto.

Denn wer den Besten seiner Zeit genug Gethan, der hat gelebt für alle Zeiten.

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DEDICATIONS.

I.

VIRI ILLUSTRES!

Three hundred years! As on a hill we stand Face towards the level of the shadowy past, We see the battle spreading huge and vast, The forlorn hopes in silent order plann'd. Truth holds a standard that, within her hand Waves onward, streaming far above the blast; And round it, fighting to the very last, Die those who listen to her stern command.

They pass, yet passing, mould the world, and Fame, Lifting the battle-roll with stern proud eye, Reads with a quiver on her lip each name; Then pausing, lo, the sad Years make reply— "Dead on the field of honour—but to-day Their Spirit is here, though they have passed away." Three kundred years! What gain From all her toil appears? Say, has sho lived in vain Three hundred years?

Away with faltering fears! Not hers to waste and wane, And withering wait the shears.

But like the hills remain— And meet with lustier cheers, When she has lived again Three hundred years!