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First Produced at the COURT THEATRE, on the 3rd of July, 1908, with incidental music by VINCENT THOMAS, under the stage direction of MISS EDITH RHYS and MR. WILLIAM POEL.

By the same Author

LAYS OF THE ROUND TABLE.

GWENEVERE: A Lyric Play. Produced at the Coronet Theatre in 1905.

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# CHARACTERS IN THE MASQUE! R 48m

PERCIVAL,
GAWAIN.
CLAMADOS.
LAUNCELOT.
GALAHAD.
ARTHUR. King of Britsin.
GWENEVERE. His Queen.
KAY. His Seneschal.
A HERMIT.
A SAILOR.
PRILEAS. Castellan of Carbonek; known also as "Sir Fisherman,"
NIMUE. The Lady of the Lake.

TIMOR MORTIS. Representing Death, or rather the Fear-of-Death.

TRADITION.

ARCH-DRUID.

DRUIDESS (CERIDWEN).

Druids, Druidesses, Knights, Pages, Ladies, Damsels of the Lake, Nuns, and Tradition's Child.

<sup>1</sup> See Notes at the end of the Masque,

### THE MASQUE OF THE GRAIL

#### SCENE I

#### PROLOGUE

The SCRNE opens in a grove of oak trees, with a gray boulder in their midst. The lights are arranged to represent moonlight.

A horn is blown thrice in the trees beyond, and then enter the Prologue, Tradition, as a young woman, leading a Child by the hand. She wears a long gray cloak over a green robe: the Child is in white and green, and carries a mistletoe branch. Tradition mounts the stone, while the Child sits on its edge, and plucks the leaves from the branch one by one while she speaks.

#### TRADITION

I am Tradition. If my cloak is gray
And winter-like, and stitched with memories,
My tree is green:

[Pointing to the CHILD.