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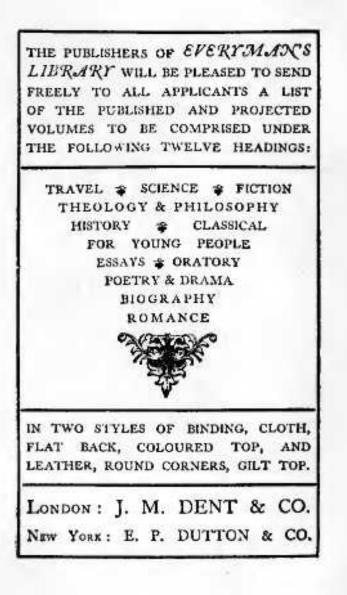
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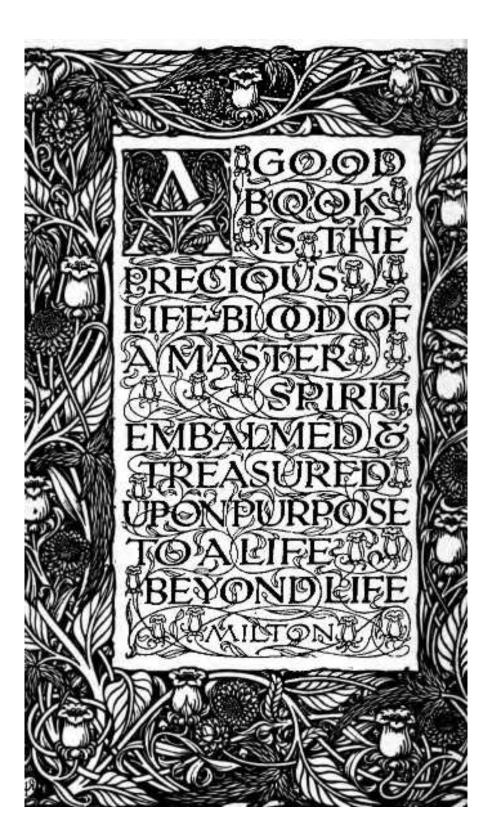
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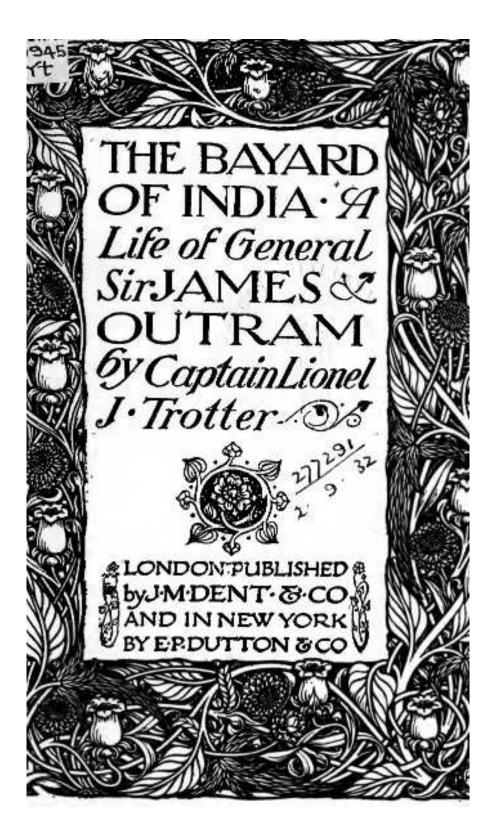
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EDITOR'S NOTE

THERE is a tomb in the nave of Westminster Abbey which for Anglo-Indians has an effect not unlike that of Ben Jonson's tablet, with its inscription, "O Rare Ben Jonson," on the lovers of English poetry. This tomb is marked by a slab on which are carved the words that form the title of this volume: "The Bayard of India." The present life of General Sir James Outram by Captain L. J. Trotter, which was first published in 1903, sums up, in a characteristically direct and very lucid form, the complicated record of Outram, carrying it through some of the most vital passages in the history of India during the last century. Since it was written. the rapid evolution of new democratic ideas in the country, in some degree the product themselves of English political theory, has given a keener reflected interest to its military annals. Captain Trotter writes from first-hand experience of the life there; and his book is the first of a series of contemplated biographies, histories, and books of travel, by which it is hoped in the end to complete an Indian shelf or section of Everyman's Library.

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to various journals and magazines.

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YE who have joyed to read, in Spenser's lay, How, in old time, a champion pure did ride, Through twilight wood, at " heavenly Una's " side, Guarding the meek one on her dangerous way; Ye who lament o'er past romance to-day,

Here see portrayed a "knight of holiness," Prompt to redeem the helpless in distress, And for the weak his lance in rest to lay, Bayard of India! no reproach or fear

Stained thy bright scutcheon. Nor alone in fight Pre-eminent wert thou, but couldst forbear

Valour's high guerdon, quit thy lawful right, And bid a comrade's brow thy laurels wear;

Thus manifest in all " a perfect Knight."

R. F. J.