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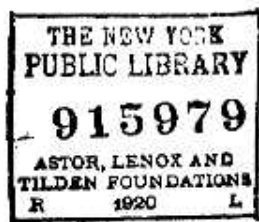
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Colonel ARTHUR LAMONT
and his wife *The host and hostess*
PHYLLIS *Their nieces*

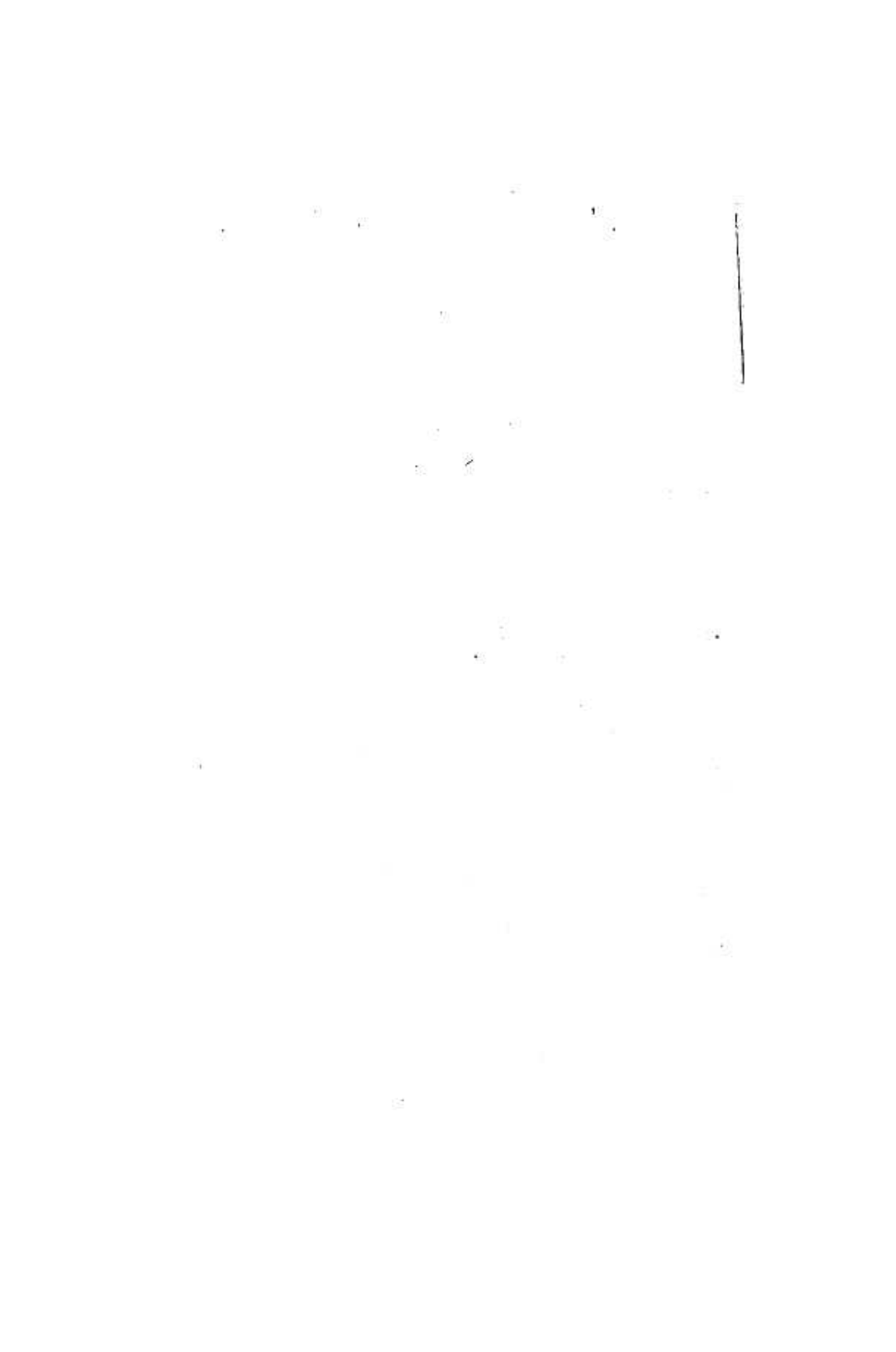
The Rev. JOHN MACMILLAN *Minister of the Parish*

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Mr. JAMES BURFORD . . . *A Labour ex-Member of
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The Lady SEVENOAKS . . . *Wife of a former Liberal
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The Lady PENELOPE
WYPER *His wife*
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Mrs. URSULA ASPENDEN . *A lady given to good works*
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MAND *A Conservative*
Sir WILLIAM JACOB . . . *A Liberal lawyer*

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MALDWIN** *Late of the Grenadier
Guards*
- MR. PENROSE MACANDREW** *Lieutenant in the Third
United States Army*
- MR. D. C. JONAS** *A Labour Leader*
- MR. PHILIP LENCHARD** *An Imperialist*
- General FERDINAND MO-
RIER** *Lately commanding an
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- MR. ARCHIBALD STRATH-
BUNGO** *A Coalition Member of
Parliament*
- MR. MERRYWEATHER MA-
LONE** *An American politician*
- The Lord LINKUMDODDIE** *A Captain of industry*

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Prologue, in which two retired gentlefolk are distressed about the future of their country. To them enter the Lady Guidoillie and Mr. Burford.

IN a pleasant arbour looking down on spring meadows which sloped towards the western sea, a gentleman was reading aloud from Matthew Arnold. "The sunshine in the happy glens is fair," he read.

"And by the sea, and in the brakes,
The grass is cool, the seaside air
Buoyant and fresh, the mountain flowers
More virginal and sweet than ours.
And there, they say, two bright and aged snakes,
That once were Cadmus and Harmonia,
Bask in the glens or on the warm sea shore,
In breathless quiet, after all their ills."

He looked up from his book. "Singularly like us, my dear," he observed to his wife.

"Yes, darling," she replied. "I feel aged, but not very bright."