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## PREFACE

I WAS correcting the last proofs of this Memoir, and had almost reached the moment of marking them "for press," when news came that the friend was dead to whom they should have been posted—Mr. Reginald Smith, K.C., head of the publishing house of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co.

The book, up to then, had required no Preface. All who helped us to write it helped in affection for Butler's memory; the mere mention of their names, as they occur in the following pages, carries its implication of gratitude; and the adviser who stood behind us would have deprecated being thanked in a Preface.

It is now permissible to say that Reginald Smith, as an old friend of Butler's, was a friend to this Memoir from the beginning: and worth while, perhaps, to record also that he had found a deep and serious pleasure of late, as Butler's correspondence revealed a strong guiding principle

of life, in recognising it and comparing it with his own. I send off these pages with the thought that, however and wherever another life shall renew it, I have been privileged in this world by the friendship and counsel of those two men.

ARTHUR QUILLER-COUCH.

*New Year's Day,*  
1917.

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