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PREFACE

My dedication of this little volume to my friend, Mr. H. Belloc, seems to me particularly appropriate because he is a Liberal and a Catholic, and in these capacities poignantly appeals to the innate Toryism which is part of my heritage as an Englishman. I once asked a great-uncle of mine if church services had not improved since the days of his infancy, and he only remarked in feeling tones, "Give me back my old barn with the barrel-organ inside it." He was not, as might be surmised, an Evangelical, but a sceptic, who yet yearned to resuscitate the things of his childhood. Most Englishmen share the same instinct. It is either the past or the future that possesses a glamour for men and women. It is the past that appeals to me and the future that appals me, and if anyone considers my attitude unreasonable let him spend a few weeks in Chicago.

These little papers centre round the almost intimate affection one feels, not for the past that