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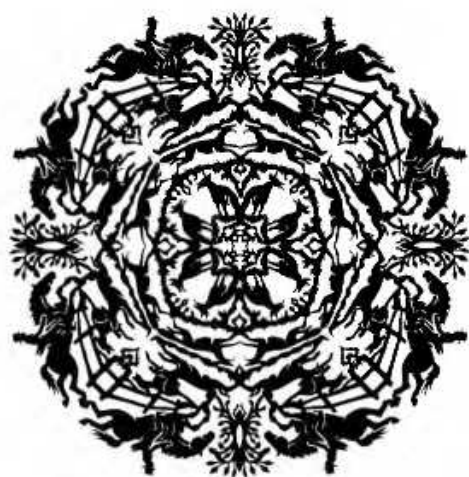
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## PREFACE

NO one who writes his own biography can escape the charge of egotism. To deny it is futile.

It has occurred to me on occasion during my occupation in recording a few details and incidents of my life, that after all it has been a very common existence and in no way out of the ordinary general farmer's life, and therefore why record it? To be truthful I could not deny myself the pleasure.

It will, I hope, interest a few readers, and at the same time may I express a further hope that no one will bear me ill-will if I have inadvertently misdrawn their true intentions. My first thought was to write a few facts and features of the Cricklade Vale Hunt, adding to it a broadcast talk on Farming and Foxhunting given a year or so ago, and to put the profits of the book to the Red Cross Agricultural Fund.

However, in taking counsel with my friend Anthony Hurd, the idea has been expanded to cover a wider field.

During the pleasant occupation I have found in writing these few incidents of my life, help and advice has been ever at hand from my wife. My secretary, Mrs. Butlin, has shown endurance beyond praise. I shall venture to hope my friends,

## P R E F A C E

farmers and sportsmen will buy a copy and thereby make a small contribution to a good cause.

Mr. Dennis Moss has been most helpful in producing suitable illustrations.

I also owe something to my friend Richard Stratton, who has been instrumental in correcting a few indiscretions.

C. W. W.