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"We live by hope
And by desire; we see by the glad light
And breathe the sweet air of futurity,
And so we live, or else we have no life."

WORDSWORTS.

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To

### MY EVER HELPFUL FRIEND R. S. CONWAY

"Anticus certos in re incerta curaitor."—Emerge.

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#### PREFATORY NOTE

ALL through the eighth Aeneid we seem, like Aeneas, to be breathing "the sweet air of futurity," and this gives the book a distinctive freshness among its fellows. It seems fit reading for us to-day. Before the war the air we breathed was somewhat stagnant; it was not fragrant with the thought of better things, great things, to come, of old faults and failings overcome and put away, of a coming reign, far distant perhaps, but coming, of truth, beauty, and goodness. But now, after all that has been done and suffered in the last three years, we may breathe "the sweet air of futurity" with enjoyment and trust. In these three years we have had as many escapes as those of Rome depicted on the Shield of Aeneas, yet the good sense and courage of our people have survived them all. I should like to think that any educator using this book may find some help in it for the lifting up of the hearts of his pupils to look forward with good sense and courage to the many perils yet to be overcome.

W. W. F.

July 2, 1917.

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