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TO MR
ALBION



Boswell and Johnson at the Mitre.

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TO THE
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Thou soft, thou sober, sage, and venerable liquid !
Thou innocent pretence for bringing the wicked
of both sexes together in the morning ! Thou fe-
male tongue-running, smile-soothing, heart-opening,
wink-tipping cordial to whose glorious insipidity I
owe the happiest moments of my life.

—COLLEY CIBBER.

*INTRODUCING THE LITTLE
TEA BOOK*

AFTER all, tea is *the* drink ! Domestically and socially it is the beverage of the world. There may be those who will come forward with *their* figures to prove that other fruits of the soil—agriculturally and commercially—are more important. Perhaps they are right when quoting statistics. But what other product can compare with tea in the high regard in which it has always been held by writers whose standing in literature, and recognized good taste in other walks, cannot be questioned ?

A glance through this book will show that the spirit of the tea bever-