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## PREFACE

MYTHS are the stories of the old heathen gods and heroes.

Nobody to-day believes in these deities of classical mythology. Yet every one, to have an ordinary education, must learn about them.

Why is it, when there are so many other things to know and to learn, that it is necessary for us all to study this old dead religion?

It is because these old stories are so beautiful in themselves that the greatest artists and writers ever since have been inspired by them and have constantly represented or referred to them in their works. If we would understand the most beautiful paintings and sculptures, the greatest literature of the world, or even the conversation of educated people, we must know our Greek gods and heroes. They have grown into the common thought of all time.

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