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## PREFACE

BY GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

CECIL CHESTERTON, like his prodigious brother, is a man to be reckoned with. He is a journalist in the old and serious sense: that is, a man who combines a mastery of the art of letters with a sympathetic insight into human nature, and a power of seizing on its topical manifestations from day to day, and handling them in such a way as to enlist public passion on his side and supply it with the arguments which make up what is called public opinion. Like most who possess this power in the most effective degree, he has cultivated it *viva voce* as a speaker on various platforms, social, political and religious; and as his utterances are always either audaciously unconventional, or, what is much more dangerous to an orator, reductions to complete seriousness of the conventional opinions which every one professes and hardly any one really means anything by, he continually provokes his audience by inhuman intellectual feats, and as continually conciliates it by the most valuable equipment of the born orator, heartfelt good